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I Leveled up from Being a Parasite, But I May Have Grown Too Much

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— SYNOPSIS —

Caught up in a ritual performed by a God in another world, Eiji Choukai is transported to another world. The otherworldy God responsible for the ritual looked at Eiji potential incarnations, they pulled out Classes like those from “I reincarnated into a vending machine”, but whereas there are normally several tens of Classes available for a person, the only Class available for Eiji was “Parasite”.

Having no choice but that one set-in-stone Class, Eiji reincarnates into his new world despondent. However, after using his powers he suddenly realized its potential. Using the parasite’s powers, he finds he can amplify himself countless times by obtaining other people’s powers. it could be that Eiji’s level might rise too much.

CHAPTER 1

I WAS TRANSFERRED

In a certain day of a weekday, I was in my room sitting in front of the computer. I'm not a student having a long vacation, and neither a worker who is resting in weekdays due to being absent at work. I'm not in a night shift or in paid holidays, and I'm not even a house-husband.

I have more than 20 years and I don't have any occupation. After several years since I graduated, it didn't cross his mind even once about wanting to work in some place or study something.

In short, I, Choukai Eiji, I'm a neet.

“Fuu”

Even if I browse through every website, this has already tired me. I throw my body on my bed.

When I think again about it, I realize that I was a neet for a long time.

What started this was the inability to obtain employment.

Even if I apply to any company, how many times I've failed in every interview after interview.

And not only in some company entrance test, but in thing called stress interview, in that my spirit was shattered. My heart of glass was getting more and more damage, and at last it was smashed up.

I abandoned the job hunting.

It's not like if I can't do it this year then I wouldn't be able to do it throughout all my life. It's good if I do it when the circumstances improve, that's what I told to my family. Luckily or unlucky, the economic situation of my family allows them to feed me if it was only my food expenses. I was able to live as parasite of my own family.

And like it was expected, I was standing here as I wasn't able to find work even after many years, This lazy way of living is comfortable, I don't feel like getting out after being totally immersed in it.

I don't work, I don't move my feet to look for a job, and I don't receive education as

well. That's why, right now I'm filling all the requirements to be completely a neet.

“From now on, what I am going to do?”

Lying on the bed, I muttered like it was somebody else's problem.

I felt an unexpectedly and intense sudden gust as if was an attack, and then, I was in a white space.

“Eh?”

I was certain that I was lying on the bed of my room?

Here, where is this?

“Ah, you have awoken”

When I notice, even though I don't know what happened, I find myself in a white space.

I was looking around restlessly in this white space where there is nothing.

And like I didn't notice her, a woman was standing there.

The one who talked surely was this person. Because there is no one else.

When I stand up, I look again at this woman.

Pink hair? Are you using a wig or have you dyed it?

No, I don't feel that from her. She has a pretty color with a natural feeling.

As for her hairstyle, her hair is hanging and tied at the sides of her face. When she moves her eyes from the hair on her face, I feel a extremely strong-willed features on her face.

And then, her clothes... Eh, what, what about those clothes.

I don't know if it would be okay to say it, her white clothes were wrapped around her, like the people from the ancient Greece were dressed, and I'm certain these people dressed up with something like a toga, but if I'm careless I will be pushed out to say everything, and because it's transparent, it's indeed wonderful.

It's splendid... However, towards a neet who had no contact with the opposite sex, this is really stimulating.

“Excuse me~, are you there. Are you awake?”

“Ha! Ah, yes. I'm awake and I didn't see anything”

“Yes? I didn't ask you if you're seeing something or not. Rather, I'm talking so please

pay attention”

“Ah, yes”

Again, I turn my face towards the direction of the voice. After having replied I calmed down a little, and even more after breathing deeply.

“That’s right, this is not the time to think things like if I see it or not. Where I am? You know something? I’m certain that I was in my house, so what is happening?”

“Ah, well, to put it in simple words, you were blown off from your world”

“Eh? Blown off—”

“By the way, I am a goddess, the goddess Rux. Horumu— From your point of view, it’s a different world. I’m the goddess from such world, Horumu. Nice to meet you, human of Jaza”

“A, a different world?”

After the self introduction of the self-proclaimed goddess, she explained the situation to me.

According to her, it seems that there is a different world to the world in which I lived. And to keep the world in a normal condition, the two worlds need to circulate from time to time something called [Spirit]. Otherwise, it will rot like a river where the flow was stopped, it will become something not good.

In that case, the boundary of both worlds will have a temporary hole, and sometimes, the ones who were involved, the people or things will be swallowed up by that hole. And if that happens, they would go to the other world.

—Hey.

“Wait a second, so you are saying that I will be swallowed up as replacement for that ‘spirit’”

“That’s the correct answer! I didn’t believe, but there are people like you, ehehe”

“Don’t say ‘Ehehe’! Please, return me to my place right now”

I don’t want to go to that kind of world where I don’t understand anything at all, my bed and my computer are a necessity for me.

But, the goddess Rux putting both hands together with a ‘Pa’, bowed.

“I’m sorry but that is impossible!”

“Impossible!?”

“Originally, a border is something that it shouldn’t be open at all between both worlds, and I’ll be in trouble if the world is mixed even more. But if I leave it in this way, it will rot, so I don’t have any other choice but to open it a bit, and it’s better if I don’t open it too often”

“However, I think that is also necessary for me to return”

“Because the whole world is at stake, even to open it for a sole person it’s impossible, think about it. Moreover, because the world has a hole is that I have to use more energy, and even if I want to open it I can’t for the moment”

The goddess shocks her head without missing a second.

I want to say because of who is that I have to be dragged into this, but it’s true that when you compare the two worlds, a person is light as a feather. Moreover, I’m a neet, I’m a existence even more light than dust, hahaha...

I feel like I fell into a masochistic mood, and it has been darkening gradually.

Even if I, who is like a parasite neet disappears, it’s difficult to think that the world is going to be troubled.

And then, the goddess looked down at my face.

“E, excuse me, you don’t have to be so depressed. Sorry, um, It would have been better if I had thought a better way to tell you this, yes.”

Eh?

It’s unexpected but it can be that this goddess it’s a good person?

“Even I’m not a demon, I thought about it completely”

“You thought about it, what did you thought?”

When I raise my head, the goddess with an expression of being totally relieved, nodded.

And then, she folded her arms and once more she had a confident face.

“I can’t return you to your world, but instead I can make so you don’t have any inconvenient in living there. This is the moment, listen and be amazed!”

According to the goddess.

The other world Horumu has things like magic and skills.

The people in Horumu devotes oneself to study so to wake oneself potential, to

awaken a class. And by polishing this class, you can obtain skills. And using those skills helps you in the various settings of your daily life.

Normally each person only has one class, and also there is no lack of people who didn't awake their class. The ones who have two classes are even more rare, if you have three then you are a worldwide genius. With her power, the goddess, is going to let me adquiere three classes that I like.

"I could become an olympic athlete, scholar, and pianist, that's amazing"

"Fufufu, it's easy, easy, to pull out the latent potential of a person with my power. That's why if you have that latent power, even if you are in a unknow world you would be able to live without problems. How magnificent could be that!"

Saying that she puts air of importance, then Rux presses her index finger against my nose. She is the type that has annoying reactions, this goddess.

"There is also a compound skill"

"Compound... I understand, depending on how two classes are well matched, I can learn new skills. For example, with the swordsman and a mage, a magic sword"

"O, Oh. You are sharp. It's like what you say, it's an area which not an ordinary person can reach with their classes. When you reach that place at last, you will have acquired a super strong compound skill. Nevertheless, where did you learn that"

"I have read a manual"

Of course, that is a joke, but if we are talking about skills and classes, then this is my strong point. It's not for nothing that I was an indoor neet for many years!

The goddess looked slowly at my surroundings feeling admiration for me, while observing me. Being observed while she changes her angles, it's a feast for my eyes, a feast.

But at that moment, I start thinking seriously.

I don't have any other choice but to go to a different world. If that's the case, I have to go at least with the best possible conditions. Let's work hard in choosing them.

I'd be lying if I said that I don't have any attachment towards my former world, but maybe I was wishing for such opportunity from the bottom of my heart. An opportunity to take a new step towards my stagnating days. Whatever it might be.

That's why-.

"Rux, give my class fast, I will make the best combination possible!"

“Ooh ooh, you’re so greedy, this person. I like you to be the selfish type, Its helps me greatly and it’s easy to understand. Then I will begun to search the possibilities of Eiji. This will hurt, like a electric shock, but if you are a man, then you will endure it”

When saying so, she holds up her hand in my chest, and from her palm light overflows covering my body with it. Ooh, it’s really like the power of a god.

It doesn’t matter how I see it, I’m older than her, but well, she is a god, and even a man like me can see that her true age is closely to that of a grandmother.

“You said something?”

“Eh? No, no, I didn’t say anything”

“I felt like I heard something, but, well, it doesn’t matter. ...Good, I found it!”

The light disappears with the goddess’s words, and similar to the windows of the games, an image appeared in the air. I understood, here are the possibilities of my class, the magic and even the skills. I will be glad if I can get used to them easily.

First, at the top of the window, what was displayed is 【Parasite】 such words.

It doesn’t have a good sound but, even if I have that possibility it’s not like I have to choose it, so there is not problem.

There is even a considerably big blank space in the window, from now on they will keep coming, and it will be good if I chose something more stylish and helpful.

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“It’s time, choose”

Next to the window which has the flashy blank space, was the expressionless face of the goddess.

“Umm, even if you tell me to choose, there is only one option and nothing more. There is nothing aside of parasite. If I remember correctly, you said to choose from all the possibilities that I liked–”

“From among all”

The goddess awkwardly declared.

“From among all. This is. Your potential”

“..... It’s a joke, right?”

The goddess shakes her head.

And together her hair also shakes.

In this white world, the pink hair looks very pretty... Wait.

“At first you said I could pick three!? So that means that usually there are more than three!?”

Surely the usual is to have 5, or even 6, if not it would not be possible to choose.
And despite that, I only have one possibility, there has to be something wrong.

“Yes, from the people who were dragged up, they have roughly 30 talents more or less”

More than I thought.

So if the normal is to have 30 and I only have 1, then my talent is not awful?

This is really bad, super bad, in the opposite is also bad. That my vocabulary is so poor is also bad.

“To be honest, I was also surprised. That exists a man with so little potential...”

In similar way, the goddess was also greatly perplexed.

And to think that I thought that I was a little decent man. Ahahahaha-.

“That’s right! With your powers is not possible to give at least two more abilities?”

“That’s impossible”

An immediate response.

“There are some things that even a god can’t do. If you had a little bit more of talent, then I would have been able to draw some more talents. But you don’t have any talent. Not even a little, nothing. No matter how many times you pull out zero it will be always zero”

I lost my words.

I was certain that I can no longer be helped.

If even a god cannot do something about my talent, then what can I do about it?

She grips her fist firmly and said strongly.

“It doesn’t matter how much you bet on, zero will always be zero”

“It’s already good, don’t say it anymore!”

Sigh. It doesn’t matter how hard I struggle, I don’t have more than one possibility.

Moreover, a parasite = parasitism, It’s really what I am.

Despite being the truth I don’t get angry.

“Well, it’s like that, let’s bravely give up. And look, you are man”

“If you think because I’m a man I will endure everything, then you’re making a big mistake”

But, well, if you think about it, it’s better to have a talent than nothing.

She said, that if you have at least one class you will not pass a bad time. At least I could get one class, and even if I’m average, I will be able to survive in a way or another. That’s right, what I have to do is to think about the future.

“But well, that’s right. I don’t have any other choice but to do it. Good, Rux. Please pull out the class called parasite”

“Well said! This is the first time I see this class so I don’t know what will happen, but, here we go...!”

I felt as if Rux said that without hesitation, But without being able stop her, again she placed her hand on my chest. Then the soft light wrapped me.

I felt like something was arising from inside of my body, the light was becoming more and more strong, and the white space was becoming more and more dark and then, the white was dyed completely.

CHAPTER 2

THE OTHER WORLD HORUMU

When I noticed, I was in the outskirts of some forest.

When I look to my surroundings, I noticed that behind me there were only trees standing side by side, and at front a extremely long grasslands expanding upwards on the road.

This is, the other world Horumu?

At that moment, a dragonfly of over 60 cm of length and with six wings, while flapping its wings vividly, flew towards me.

This is a different world, this place.

“Now that I reached this point, I don’t have other choice but to do it”

After I resolve myself, I get up.

But at that time, I noticed that a letter and a bag had fallen on my feet. In the letter [Read it as soon you wake up! Rux] was written.

[Good morning, Eiji. I’m sure there are many things that you don’t know, so I will teach you about Horumu. First, you have to pray in your mind to see your status]

You’ve even written a letter for me?

Now that you mention it, I was told many things about the transfer, but I didn’t hear anything about what will happen after that. Let’s read it seriously.

Let me see, to see the status I only have to pray in my mind.

Status, status, status—.

“Ooh! Something came!”

When praying, an image appeared in the air.

And there, this was written.

【Name】 Eiji=Choukai

【Class】 Parasite 1

【Stamina】 25

【Strength】 20

【Defense】 30

【Magic】 40

【Magic power】 35

【Magic resistance】 45

【Agility】 40

【Skill】 Parasite

Uwaa... It's true, my class is a parasite.

When I look again at my class I think it's really cruel, for my class to be parasite, even I want to argue that I have at least a fifth of a soul.

My name is, well, it's simple.

The order of the name and how it's written has to be the style of this world.

What follows is the ability... I don't understand it very well. Even if I see the numbers, I can't say that somehow I understand the general level.

But what I can say that I understood somehow is that my magic specs are better than my body specs. Of course I don't have stamina, I'm a neet belonging to the indoor faction, a frail child.

What could be the parasite skill?

It's the same for the class, but I don't understand very well the effect.

Just like the time when I tried to open the status, I try to pray in my mind on the ability called parasite, and then my right hand started to shine.

“Oh, something came out! ...Eh?”

Even after not knowing what to do about my shining hand, the light of my hand eventually disappeared. What is happening.

Even if I try to pray, it didn't appear any explanation about the skill. What type of skill I would be able to learn in the future or even the details about it, it seems that is useless, even I can't get to learn the minor details.

Let's see, I know that is the skill of a parasite, and judging from the name, it has to have some type of parasitic effect.

So that means, from what I understood, it's that I need to touch something with my shining hand to parasitize something, maybe. I don't understand what kind of situation I need to use this parasite thing but I will try to use it if I find a person. If I say parasite, there are two type of impressions, the money ones and the one in the houses, that's why there is no meaning if it's not a person.

After I thought for a while about the lowest definition possible, I kept reading the letter.

[Were you able to do it?? In this world you will always be able to make visible your own ability. By the way, I'm sure you have realized, to use your ability or your space bag you only need to pray in your mind, that's why, pray! But if you are not accustomed, you may use your voice. I left the space bag together with the letter, you can use it without reservation.]

I lower my glance to my feet and there it was a small bag.

After picking up the bag, I read the letter, and it seems to be a tool to store various things. When I try to peek inside, I realized that is like the outer space. It's like it were trying to swallow me up, it's scary.

According to the explanation, if I want to know what it's inside I only need to pray and then it would be displayed to me like the status window.

And according to the letter, there are many drinks, food and even clothes stored there. Immediately, I put my hand in the bag, and then I start to pray about wanting to take out some clothes.

Soon, I start to feel the texture of clothes in my palm, and what came out was clothes and shoes.

Oh, this is convenient.

This is the moment when I took notice that magic exist in this world.

This seems to be really interesting, and so for the first time in a while I started to feel excited while I change my clothes and for the ones that I was wearing recently, they were stored in the bag.

The displayed clothes has become something different. Not only letters, the images are also included Ooh, this is useful, useful.

[Were you able to use it properly? The contents of the bag are my offerings to you, so you don't have to worry and receive them without reservation, it's an extra service.]

That means, these are offerings.

If she is a god, then it's natural to receive offerings, but, yes, it's good to receive them?

[It's normal that the ones who were dragged up to this world can awake three classes, but Eiji only has only one, that's why... Sorry><. But, I think you'll be fine one way or another so please, don't be so discouraged. Because here is also a good place]

...She is such a nice gal, this Rux.

She even wrote this letter for me, and Rux isn't the one to blame but me, the one who have only one class, and because she thought I would have hard times ahead she gave me tools. In one way or another, she is worried about me.

However, her writing is not very pretty.

After that, I began to read what's left of the letter, and when I reach the end, she ended it as follows.

[Then. do your best, Eiji. I will act as a god should be and I will be watching over you. P.S. If you happen to see one of my shrines give me a prayer of thanks. Because I'll be watching you]

“Oh, oh, it's scary, scary. ...Well, let's get going slowly. Even she said that this is a good place, I will fully enjoy it, this world”

And so, I took a step forward in this other world, Horumu.

CHAPTER 3

MAIN ROAD AND THE OUTSKIRTS OF LAUREL

As soon as I left the forest, I came across the main road. I went walking to the left. On the way I got hungry, I took out a hard bread from the space bag and I started to eat it. Though I do not know the exact moment in which she placed it, it's possible to eat it normally. It seems that his bag works as storage to preserve food. This is useful.

Even after walking for a while I didn't have any problem, and in the end I reached a town.

If there is a main road then that means that there is a town, it was closer than what I expected, my luck is good. It's good that I was not transferred to a desert, really.

There are many stone buildings aligned side by side and there is a road in which the ground was leveled. This townscape seems like the ones from the Middle Ages, the fantasy ones.

There isn't asphalt or concrete, walking in this type of scenery is interesting. I went rarely for a walk even in my former world, so to speak I'm going to pretend that it doesn't bother me anymore at my age.

At any rate, walking around the town, I continued exploring the looks of the town of this world.

The traffic of the main street was so-so, their clothes were the same that I was wearing. Luckily, I didn't feel out of place.

Something I'm curious about are the people who often are passing around me, having a sword in their waist, holding a spear or wearing a helmet. According to the letter, not only skills and magic, it seems that also there exist in this world monsters and dungeons, and around here is a place where there are a considerable amount of monsters.

When you hear monsters or dungeons you will get excited, but a nothing but a parasite and incompetent person like me, it's better if I don't meet many of them.

By the way, it seems that as you defeat monsters your class level will rise. And also there exist monsters made up of power in which it can be helpful for your class.

There are a considerable number of shops facing the street, there are even street stalls.

I tried as experiment buying something in one of those stalls. The price was 5 copper coins.

The money here is copper coins, light copper coins, silver coins, light silver coins, gold coins, light gold coins, there exist six types. The light copper coin is worth ten copper coins, the silver coin is ten light copper coins and the light silver coin is... Every coin is worth at least 10 times more. This was also written in the letter of Rux. Recently, the monetary offering is insufficient, I complain saying together that there is not enough faith.

In the letter was also written that I would be able to communicate with others, and it seems that there is not problem at all in reading or speaking.

The price of the fruit, and all the others, I judge the price with the goods that other stalls were selling,

Copper coin→20 yen

Light copper coin→200 yen

Silver coin→2000 yen

Light silver coin→20000 yen

Gold coin→200000 yen

Light gold coin→2000000 yen

More or less this price?

It's not like the prices of this world are tightly matched with the prices of my former world but, there it seems to be a difference of 1/2-3 times.

What I have right now in my hands are, 57 copper coins, 87 light copper coins, 37 silver coins, 6 light silver coins and 1 gold coin.

I have enough so for the time being I will not have any problem living for enough time. But if I have to say otherwise, I will have no money after a while, I will be forced to do something to earn money, isn't right?

But earning money seems to be very difficult, it's still okay if I do not think about it for the moment.

Wandering around the town while displaying my thoughts of neet, I understood to a certain extent the structure of the town. And about time, my stomach got hungry.

This may be the right time.

I want to experiment with my skills as quickly as possible. The only strength I have in this world.

I entered comfortably into a restaurant.

It might be time, there was a certain amount of people coming, it was crowded with people.

It seems that I will be able to do it.

I sat in an empty seat.

I told my order to the waiter, and until my meal arrives I put my plan into practice.

I start to pray, and my skill parasite was activated.

And like the last time my hand was covered with light. It's likely that if I touch someone with my shining hand, that person will, with my parasite—the parasitism will be put into action.

If you speak about a typical neet like parasite, then is money. That means that if I parasitism a guest which came here, somebody will pay for my lunch fees? Or in another meaning, they would give me money? I think so.

If that's the case, I will be able to live without the preoccupation of not having money. This skill was perfectly made for me. Even if I say that, this is a quite awful idea. Now it's the time, let's make someone treat me the lunch.

After being in high spirits for a moment, I calmed down.

If you think about it, touching somebody could be really difficult. If a stranger suddenly touch you it would be strange, I don't have other choice but to touch someone stealthily. But if the other party is a woman, I have the worry of being detained as a pervert. No, there is no difference if the other party is a man.

Ye~s, I have no choice but to make it look like an accident.

I look around the store, I have my eyes at the next table where there is a man eating alone. I left my seat, while heading towards there.

“I’m sorr~y, clerk-san, an additional... Waa!”

While trying to call the clerk to stop, my body loses its balance on purpose, and like I were trying to support me, I put my hand on the back of that man.

That man looks toward my face, glaring me.

“I’m sorry, I seem to have fallen and interrupted your lunch...”

I bow with an apologetic face, and the man after a ‘Hmpf’ snorted, the man returns to his meal.

All looks good.

I was able to touch him.

The golden light of my hand which was placed in his back connected with him.

This is surely, the proof of parasitism.

If no one is saying anything, it means that only I can recognize the skill, it may be the proof of parasitize someone.

And to the clerk who came, I told him that I liked my food roasted, so I asked him to do it more burned, and then I returned to my table.

After the meal is normally finished, the infected man stopped moving.

Oh, he got up from his seat.

Now, waiting to see how he it's going to move, suddenly the man went to pay for my launch... Of course not, hey. It's more, he is leaving the store. Wait a moment!

I finished paying my bill with great haste, and then I went after the traces of the man, and after I found the man, I chased him,

This is strange, what is happening.

So far, the thread of light that is extending from the back of the man has yet to disappear, that's why the skill has to be active. But nothing is happening. For now I can't do anything but to observe the situation, after taking distance, I keep following the man.

The man continues walking for a long time on the street. In between a shop and a street that we happen to pass not long ago, the man passed through and I followed him. After pursuing the man for a reasonable distance, the man at last has gone out of the town.

And moreover, he didn't take the big main road, he went towards a roadless place. It's only that there, there was almost no grass, the ground was exposed. It was like the ground was trampled down by many people.

I was worried that he would found me in the town, but because there were many people going there excluding the man, I didn't feel out of place. But, the quality of people wandering around the town and the ones going this place are completely different.

Everyone is equipped with weapons.

There are many people who were dressed like a warrior, others like magicians, a variety of people, but what everyone has in common is that they are ready to fight. Not only here and there, but everyone.

Can be that I have come to a bad place? Me?
I'm trying to go to someplace where a neet doesn't have to go?

While I decide if I keep thinking about it or if I turn around now, following the traces of the man I ended up crossing a small hill. Suddenly from the grasslands, from the light brown ground something came out in a exposed area.
And in the center of that place, the entrance to an underground was opening its mouth widely, Inviting me to enter.

It may be possible that this is a dungeon.

When I was walking lazily in that town called Laurel, I heard it by chance.
That the dungeon called Paienne was close to the town.
I'm sure this must be. I can see at glance at the underground place that there is a deep and large hole without end, and people equipped with weapons were going to that place.
Given the current situation I'm sure that I'm not wrong.

The man whom I was following gets excited in front of the hole and then he entered inside.
I reluctantly gave up and I continued following him.
And as one would expect, I'm not going to approach a place where there are monsters.
Until I don't understand my power and theirs I don't have the courage to go.

It can't be helped, I began to wander around the surroundings of the dungeon.
I really think that I look like a suspicious person. But I don't want to return without having done something. But if you tell me to do something I will be troubled, while I think in that way, I observe the people who goes into the dungeon and the injured ones who came out. For a while I go wandering around the proximity of the dungeon.

【Class】 Parasite 1→2

And suddenly.
Without previous notice, the screen which I was already used to see appeared in front of me.

CHAPTER 4

LEVELING UP THE PARASITE CLASS

Eh?
What's this?
It seems that my level is going up?
Did I do something?

I opened my status window in panic.

【Name】 Eiji=Choukai
【Class】 Parasite 2
【Stamina】 26
【Strength】 20
【Defense】 30
【Magic】 41
【Magic power】 35
【Magic resistance】 41
【Agility】 40
【Skill】 Parasite

“I’m sure that my level has gone up... Ah”

【Class】 Parasite 2→3

When I was thinking about what is happening to me, my level has gone up again.
I’m serious that I haven’t done anything, seriously what is happening.
I’m certain that as you go defeating monsters, the power of these existences will transform into experience and you class level will rise up, but I have never done anything to these monsters....

—It’s possible that!

I turn my neck towards the labyrinth entrance.
It’s possible that I have already understood the true colors of this skill.

I didn't defeat monsters and I didn't go towards the place where the monster are. But, isn't true that there is one? There is a person who is connected to me, and that person is in a place where the monsters are coming out.

While I observe the labyrinth, I sit cross-legged in the grass. And while I wait quietly, it happened again.

【Class】 Parasite 3→4

It's correct.

This is, I'm earning experience from the infected person. The parasite skill allows me to level up.

It's amazing. If I have this, then I can level up my class without having to work. And far from have to be together, I might be able to become stronger with only sleeping in a faraway place.

Unexpectedly, this skill which it is of my preference it's rising my tension. And while I sat down in the comfortable grass feeling extremely good, the display has appeared again.

【Class】 Parasite 4→5

【Skill】 Parasite x2 acquired

A new skill came out!

This means that as the name mentions, I can use the skill two times at the same time?

It didn't cross my mind to use my skill twice at the same time, that's why I thought it was only possible to use it in one person at time. But now I can use it in two persons at the same time.

If there are two, it's natural for my experience to multiply. This is wonderful.

Immediately I headed towards the entrance of the dungeon.

And since it was the perfect time as people were going into the dungeon, I pretend that I stumbled upon them when we passed each other. When we collide, I touch the other party with the back of my hand.

“Aaah, I'm sorry”

“Haha, you are tired from exploring the labyrinth? Be careful”

The man with the warrior outfit, said lightly and he headed towards the dungeon. In his back it was the mark of light. Success.

After I took some distance from the dungeon, I start to concentrate and then two threads of light appear on my hand. Though it seems like it would disappear if I were to extend it a bit more. but surely, without doubt, those two people were parasitized. And as a proof, after a while, my parasite's class level went up to level six. Although I thought that as my level rise, it would become slow to level up, but it must be because I now have the experience of two persons that I'm yet leveling up fast.

But even so, I think it has become really fast, they must be fighting with powerful monsters.

Well, I don't understand what is happening inside. Other than that, let's test something.

I turn my back to the labyrinth, and I head towards Laurel town.

It's because there is something I now want to try. It's not bad to want to know more about my greatest strong point which is the only skill I have right now.

And that is, whether or not the skill is effective even if I'm away from the objective. If the parasite skill will work even if I'm far away from them or I need to be in a certain distance, or if after some time the effect will stop working.

First I'm going to take distance, and that's why I'm returning to the city, but even so there is no sign that it will disappear. At last I returned to Laurel town, and the parasitism of the two still remains. It seems that it continues even over long distances. This is an extremely good result.

Even if I'm in the town, the effect of the skill that I placed on those two persons who went to the labyrinth it will not lose its effect.

Now, let's go to examine it more!

I found a vacant land, and while I was taking a carefree nap mixed among the townspeople, I checked my skill.

And as result, I understood.

First. When I want to confirm to whom I've infected, I only need to think and the appearance of the person I have infected is projected in my eyes.

Second. If I pray to stop the parasitism, I can stop it. And I don't have to be necessarily in contact with them, I can cut the thread in any moment I want.

But it was impossible to infect them again immediately. It's likely that I need to touch them in the same way as before.

Third. I can only parasitize up to two people.

When two people are parasitized, even if I try to use more power, I can't. However, if I release a person, I can use it again, so I can change the host as I please.

It's a skill specialized in parasitizing other people to level up your class, it's a nasty class.

While I was examining the skill, my level has gone up again. Even my level is now 7, if I continue in this way, in a blink of an eye I will become strong.

My hope has emerged.

My motivation has emerged too.

Now I have the feeling that I can live in this different world.

After I have examined the skill until I was satisfied, the day was beginning to get dark, so I went to look for a inn.

Because there are many people aiming to the labyrinth, there are numerous inns. That's why finding an available room in a inn was really easy. I have immediately paid for seven days of lodging.

The room to which I was led was not so wide, but that everything was in order, and also that it looked clean made me happy.

Does the transfer to another world goes hand to hand with the fatigue, or it may be because I walked a lot that now I'm tired? I threw myself on the bed as if I had collapsed and suddenly I fell asleep.

CHAPTER 5

HERE IT IS THE ADVENTURERS GUILD?

It was morning when I woke up.

I was really tired, seriously.

As I was sitting on the bed, I checked my status, and then I tried using the space bag. At that moment I realized that what happened it wasn't a dream. I heard the sound of a knock.

“Coming, coming”

I get off of the bed and I opened the door, and there it was the figure of a girl.

“Ex-excuse me, I made you wake up? I-I’m sorry.”

A girl in braids with folded hands in front her chest was standing there, nervously. Her voice is also tense.

“No, I’m okay. I was awake from before. What happened?”

I answered dazedly while forcing a smile, and then I recalled. That this girl is the daughter of the owner of this inn and that her name was Marie. And even though she looks like she was a child from some elementary school, this girl who looks really timid was the one which greeted me at the counter

“It’s almost time for breakfast. I didn’t want to bother you calling so early in the morning, but, you didn’t come down for dinner yesterday, so I thought you might be hungry”

“Aah... That’s right”

Yesterday I fell asleep without having dinner.

I didn’t worry so much because I saw many guest going out without eating their dinner, but she came here just because she was worried.

“Thanks, Marie-chan. I’m really hungry, I’ll go down to eat in a moment”

“Thank you very much! Father, Eiji said that he will eat”

As the expression of Marie becomes bright, she quickly descends, heading towards the innkeeper whom it should be preparing the food.

I paid the lodging with meals included with the intention of eating here, so I'm looking forward to seeing what I'm going to eat.

The breakfast was bread and a soup similar to a stew and also some fruits. Having a somewhat large and warm soup with vegetables makes me happy.

The bread was a bit hard but like Marie said, to eat it with the stew was a good idea, it had become a exquisite food with the softness and its piercing flavor. When I bit the sausage that was inside of the soup, it was filled with meat juice, a concentration of flavor, I thought it was a good point.

And because I slept without eating anything, I finished eating everything in a blink of an eye.

“Oops, there's something I must do before. Ah, Marie-chan, there is something I want to ask you, it's okay if I do that?”

After finishing eating my breakfast, I stopped Marie when she was about to clean the table.

“Yes, what do you want to ask me?”

“I was thinking if you know where the adventurer guild is?”

Yesterday, when I was aimless wandering and gathering information, It turns out that by chance I heard about the existence of the adventurers guild. It seems that many of the people who went to the labyrinth are affiliated with the guild.

There is a variety of requests, and you can also earn some money, and because I thought that it's likely there wouldn't be something more sweet than that for me, I thought about going today.

“Yes, I went many times to that place. It's more, adventurers who are registered in the adventurer's guild are staying in this inn. You can leave it to me”

It's because I'm relying in her that she answered in a vigorous way? I asked Marie the way and after I said “The breakfast was delicious, thanks” we separated. I head towards the adventurers guild.

I lost my way.

I'm sure I'm going in the direction that Marie told me. But I don't see anywhere the shadow or the figure of the adventurers guild.

And I though I didn't have a bad sense of direction. While walking in doubt I passed through a theatre, a plaza, a magic tools shop, a workshop, many types of different buildings.

This is a quite splendid town, it seems that I'm not going to have any inconvenience living here. It's really good that I have found this type of town.

...Returning to the main issue, this is not the time to be rejoicing in this way.
Where it is, where is the adventurers guild.

After roaming around for awhile, there was no sign that I would find it.
I gave up, and I decided to ask someone the way.

I found someone that seemed to belong to the adventurers guild, and when I raised my voice towards the girl which was holding a sword, surely that person was registered in the adventurers guild and gladly answered me.

But.

“The adventurers guild? That is, in the completely opposite side”
“You said the opposite, I have to go backwards?”

I stupidly said that after hearing such unexpected words. The adventurer nods laughing.

“There isn't another way to say it, right? The adventurers guild is—”

She explained to me, but it was as she had said, in the complete opposite direction. The east and the west were reversed completely. But I'm sure that I went for the way that I was told, it can be that Marie-chan has no sense of direction?

Well, now that I understood how to go, let's go forward.

I said thanks and when I was about to continue, somebody called me to stop.

“I will guide you, so you don't lose your way”

“Eh? No, you don't have to do th-”

“You don't have to be worried! I also have business there, and also as a senpai from

the adventurers guild I need to be kind towards the rookies”

The adventurer hits my back, while speaking cheerfully.

Well, if you say that to that extent then I will have to accept your help. Also, I don't like being lost.

I thank her, and then I walk together with that female adventurer upto the adventurers guild.

The name of the adventurer was Veil.

She has a silvery short hair, is bright and seems to have a cheerful face, her eyes and mouth are big, In short, she has a easy going personality. Actually, when she heard that I just came to this town, even though I didn't ask her to do it, she acted as a tour guide and introduced me various places.

That eating place is cheap and delicious, that shop of there is expensive and has a poor quality facilities so it's better to not buy anything there, she is very helpful but she also seems to be a meddlesome character.

Under the mantle she is wearing, she is dressed with a short pants and a shirt; a light equipment. A swordsman or a thief, it's likely she is one of those two types. She gives the feeling of being skilled, and also of being an adventurer for many years.

While I was immersed in my thoughts, Veil started to talk, her body seems like it's getting fuzzier as she walks.

“That reminds me, Eiji wants to register as an adventurer, right?”

“Yes, that's right. I'm thinking of being here for the moment, so I want to try various things”

“What's your occupation?”

“Eh? I'm trying to be an adventurer”

“No, no, an adventurer is an adventurer but, I'm asking you what you do other than that. I have a special occupation, but there are many who have second job”

“That's different from a class, right?”

“Of course. A class is a class, and a job is another thing. Maybe it's a nuisance to you that I'm asking you these things, but a class is something that determines a person's talent. For example— The job of the owner of that store is of course, managing his own magic tool shop, but his class is magician. There are many who makes a living using their class or jobs, but nobody is equal”

I understood, a class is like your aptitude.

Having one helps, but that to be useful to a job it's different. It's like an excuse to say

that it's different to your talent.

"Even if you say that you are an adventurer, it's like a part time job. Maybe you have confidence in your strength and you use it for a side job, like a student earning pocket money. It's in general like a freelance job, so there are many different types of people. I'm one of them too, I used to be a blacksmith, but even so I always went to look for materials on my own, and at the same time I accepted requests from the adventurers guild to earn a bit more of money. At that time I thought that maybe I was fit to be an adventurer, and now I'm a full-fledged one. Eiji, what are you doing? Or you are in the middle of something?"

"Eh, I, I'm... Before I was, well, a neet, yes. I'm sorry"

"A neet? I had never heard about such a job. What do you do in that job? Or it's a peculiar job of your hometown?"

"Eh? What you do in that job... is..."

It is hard to say it

Even I don't want to explain what it's a neet.

It's bad in the eyes of the society, I don't want to say it.

So I thought, I don't have to say it if I don't want, it's more, even if I say it, the people of this world would not understand.

I have predicted that she wouldn't know, but it's useless for me who can't hold a conversation. For several years I didn't belong to any community and I almost had no discussions with others. Even if I had become bad in having conversations, it's not my fault.

It's not my fault that I'm angry with her for making me remember such things, but let's explain to her anyways.

When I was immersed in my thoughts

"Ah, it's alright, you don't have to say it if you don't want. I'm not trying to force you to tell me if you don't want. But you know, there are many different types of people in the adventurers guild. Because anybody can do it as long as they have the ability. It's enough if you have motivation"

Fuu, I'm saved.

However, I don't think it's a good idea to make the people think that it's something I can't say. Perhaps this is the cross that a neet has to bear? This is a painful world.

“Here it is, we have arrived”

“Hm? Oh, here it is”

After walking a little, in front of us a large building appeared.

Even though the dirty and broken outer wall sticks out, what its more outstanding is the atmosphere, it's like it were the nest of ruffians.

After I made up my mind I entered.

CHAPTER 6

C-RANK

Compared with its grim appearance, the inside is quite normal and heartwarming. There is a big hall with many tables, and there were a fairly number of people who seems to be adventurers lining up in a spiral form. There is a counter at the end, and two people who seems to be working as a receptionists.

“So, you only need to wait for the receptionist, work hard”

“Thank you, you really helped me”

“It’s nothing, this is the friendship between adventurers, take care. See you~!”

Veil left completely happy.

I go to the counter, and the person on the counter started talking about the job.

It sounded good, becoming an adventurer and go outside like this.

Ok, I’m full of motivation!

—But, my first objective is not to come here and make a request to the adventurers guild.

I just came to this place with only one goal, and it’s to parasitize someone.

Surely in this place there are skilled adventurers, and like it’s natural, people with strength can fight against strong monsters, so it would be much the experience I would get.

I’m going to parasitize a skilled adventurer, and level up with all my might; That’s is my objective for today.

When I woke in the morning, I learned a new skill 【Parasite x3】. Fufu, my level now will rise more rapidly.

Given the name of the skill, it’s safe to say that now it’s possible to parasitize upto three people. That my level goes up as I sleep, it’s surely, an ideal life, yes.

However, I will register in the guild for the time being. It wouldn’t be bad to accept requests when I become strong, the preparations are only for that moment.

I called a receptionist who seems to be free, and I told her that it was my first time, and that also I wanted to register.

The receptionist quickly pulled out a pen and a some documents over the counter.

“Please, you only need to fill in these documents”

The entries that I need to fill in are: name, battle experience, if I’m registered in other adventurers guilds and last my class.

“Is necessary to write my class?”

“It’s optional, but if you write it, it will be easier for us to recommend jobs to you. There are many types of request, like wanting a person who can use magic”

I see, that kind of pattern.

But, I don’t feel like writing parasite in the paper. And even Rux said that she never saw this type of rare class, so I don’t want to let other people know about the peculiarity of my skill.

Maybe what I’m doing is for nothing, and it’s not likely to be a super important class, so I’ll leave it blank.

I left that entry in blank and I filled all the other spaces needed. There was a simple column mentioning if you have a chronic disease, but really, they went straight to the main point in this application form. But well, it’s because this is such occupation that your medical history is important, yes.

“Thank you. Yes, you have filled in all the necessary information”

The receptionist checked the application form and this time she took out a hard white card.

“Then, please receive this card, and insert your magic in it”

“What is it for?”

“This card records whether or not you have achieved a request. This is an important card which will record your results. And to somebody who can read it, it will possible to show your results”

“Ooh, it’s a really convenient tool”

While I was thinking that exist tools like that, she explained to me that the way to use it and it was the same as the skills, so when I do that, the card changed its color from

white to silver.

“Yes, okay. Your registration has ended with this. Please, always keep this card next to you, so to avoid losing it”

“This is an amazing tool, isn’t it?”

“This seems to be a replica made from a treasure discovered in the Paienne labyrinth. The true treasure was even more amazing than this. There is a rumor that it has recorded every kind of history, but it’s impossible for an ordinary person like me to know whether is true or not”

“If I remember correctly, the labyrinth called Paienne, it’s the one at the north of the city, right?”

“Yes. You can find many things there. Even an adventurer, for a request or by its own desires, and at the same time many people goes there aiming to get treasures. And even some go to train there. But, because is a dangerous place, if you are not accustomed, I would recommend you not going to that place”

“I’ll keep that in mind, thanks. But it’s alright, because I don’t like working too hard”

Ahaha... While the receptionist forces a smile, my registration has ended.

I’m thinking that I would like to enter one of those days in that dungeon, but I don’t like dangerous things, so for now I will take a rest in one of those empty tables.

Let’s go back to the main point, I already did what I came to do here, so now it’s the time to look for someone to parasitize.

All who are here seems to be really strong, so I’m lost in who to choose.

Who, I’m, going, to, choose? Let’s not do it like the god, Rux—says.

Now that we got to this point, let’s ask the opinion of other people.

I approach again the receptionist who seems to be free, and maybe because she was too bored, when she got a person to talk to, she came speaking to me in a cheerful way.

“Ah, you came immediately for a request, right? I understand you, it’s a waste to go back after having finished registering, yes”

“No, you are wrong”

“Eh?”

I killed the mood of the receptionist with my frankness.

I’m sorry, but being the careful type I will not accept requests immediately.

“There is something I want to ask you. From all the people that are here in the

adventurers guild, who is the strongest, it may be possible that you know?"
"The strongest, you said? I understand, if you are a rookie then you must have interest in knowing that. Of course, I know that~ After all, when the very same Red Fang or Blue Shadow come looking for requests, both come looking for me"

"Haa"

"However, they aren't here for the moment. Of those who are here... Aaah, look, that table that seems to have a map or something scattered on the table. The people who are talking, the man with long hair, that person is an extremely powerful person within the C-rank. And also, ah, the one who just entered, the woman with long hair, she is also a C-rank. Even if she is young, Kiara can really do it"

I look where she said, towards the C-rank adventurers.

The man puts aside his large sword, and from what I see, the woman doesn't have nothing resembling a weapon. Maybe she is a magician?

"I understand—"

If I can touch them, that means that I will be able to gain power efficiently.

"But—"

I turn around towards the receptionist.

"What is a C-rank?"

CHAPTER 7

PARASITE • CLASS

“In a few words, adventurers are divided between F~A rank, and you can also receive requests according to your class. But even if the request fits your class, we, the guild, will judge if you are able to accept it or not. You must know that you are only able to accept request only one rank above or below your rank. And because you’re just a rookie, you will start as a F-rank”

She means that no one can do something reckless, and at the same time, to train the rookies, they created a division of ranks to restrict the request they can take.

Even if you say that to me, it’s not like I want to reach the top, it will be enough for me if I can earn my living expenses. But even if I say that, I don’t know how much I would need to earn to pay for my living expenses.

“That means that the C-rank is the third from the top. So, they are really strong”

“It’s not as simple as saying that they are strong. Because as you rise in ranks, the number of people decreases, so If you only take the numbers into account, you can say that with their levels they can be called a top class”

I see, I will never get rid of them. Then this means that—

I used my skill and I cut off one of the lines connected to me.

Let’s cut off that middle-aged man from yesterday. I need to choose wisely to whom I’m going to parasitize.

Now I have the possibility to take two more.

I move away from the counter, and now my goal were these two of high rank.

“E-Eh? You are not going to take a request?”

Confused, she raised her voice, but I refused politely.

Hearing her “H, huh—” disappointed voice, I pass by the side of the female adventurer which had just entered and I touch her with the palm of my hand, then in a casual manner, I waved my hand towards back of the man who had just stand up from his table, parasitizing them.

It would be very strange If I'm always falling down, so I need to find a new way to touch them in a casual manner sometimes.

However, I'm thinking that this is suspicious in another sense. After having tried I feel that it was really easy to do it but what is going to happen now? No, I'm sure that what I have done is not suspicious at all, yes.

The reason I'm aiming at the adventurers with the higher ranks it's only because the higher their strength, the stronger will be the monsters with which they can fight.

And that means it will be greater the experience that I can get. I'm sure I will speed up my leveling up if I choose an adequate person to whom parasitize.

In any case, I've done what I came to do here, so I left the adventurers guild and I headed towards the inn. I waited on my bed for the experience to accumulate.

The morning passed unusually fast, and after waking up from a nap.

【Parasite11→12】

It went up, it seems that they started to fight with monsters.

Because I was already awake, now let's do a bit of sightseeing. I have heard a lot of things of this town from Veil, and above all it's because I'm free.

I passed my time aimless wandering through the town seeing many things, and even going outside of the town but to a safe range where monsters don't come out.

The next day I have spent my time in the same way as yesterday, and I even went to buy several things.

First was the clothes. I noticed this when I woke up, I don't have a change of clothes. It's good that my clothes doesn't stand out, but it's problematic to have only one.

In addition I have bought a knife and a 【Normal】 luggage bag, also paper and a pen with ink, and so on. I have also bought many miscellaneous daily goods.

After having observed the people in the town, I think that I have understood, I didn't see nobody using something like a space bag

Like I thought, this has to be an unusual item, and they may think that country bumpkin like me is a easy target so I will not use it more than necessary.

As I'm already accustomed to the pure white paper, I know that this paper cannot be compared with the one I know, but I will endure it because it's possible to write on it.

After spending my day doing things like this and that, I returned to the inn and

checked my level. It's really fun that my level is rising up steadily, even if I do nothing. Or it can be said that is fun the way that my level is rising without doing nothing.

Ah, that's right.

I was focused in my skills and my level that I didn't look carefully at my main attributes.

Let's see how strong I have become.

【Name】 Eiji=Choukai

【Class】 Parasite 14

【Stamina】 37

【Strength】 27

【Defense】 40

【Magic】 58

【Magic power】 48

【Magic resistance】 50

【Agility】 55

【Skill】 Parasite x3

I see, the Parasite x3 has overridden Parasite x2, or perhaps I should say that it has made it more stronger.

Well, let's see then what has happened with my attributes... Eh?

I think they are in the same way as before...

Yes, my level has risen. However, it doesn't seem that my strength and stamina has not risen too much? No, I'm sure that it has not changed so much.

"This is real? Hey, hey"

That means that I will not become a lot stronger as I level up my class? This is a too harsh reality, this life.

...The pleasure that came for having raised my level has right now, died.

There is a meaning for a parasite to be in high spirits?

【Parasite 14→15】

Ah, while I was saying things like that, my level has once again risen.

But it's safe to say that my attributes will not rise, isn't that right?

Haa....a?

【Skill Parasite • Class acquired】

Parasite • Class?

This pattern is completely different from before. I was thinking that it would be the fourth level up, but this class is not like that. If you say a class, then it has to be like the class swordsman or parasite, something like that... Let's see it.

I took out a lens from the luggage bag that I have bought from the magic tools shop. This lens is a magic tool called appraisal lens, it allows me to know particular things about my skills and the like that comes from my status.

It's really difficult to make and sometimes it can break itself of nowhere, so I was hesitating to use it or not, but now that I have acquired a new skill, let's use it.

After a long awaited time, I decided to use it to see the details of my first and only skill I have, the next moment my status is displayed, and then I used the appraisal lens on the Parasite x3 skill.

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And then suddenly the lens broke down!

This has to be a defective good! What is happening, breaking in the first use!

Even if it can break down anytime, there is a limit for it to break down at its first time.

But it's not something impossible, so I will not complain.

And it's not like the shopkeeper of the magic tools shop has lied.

It can't be helped, but now that the explanation has come out, let's check it out.

【Parasite x3】

You can parasitize up to three people touching the other party. You acquire three times the amount of experience of the people who were parasitized.

Eh?

Eeeh?

This is for real? This effect.

Not only up to three people, but three times their experience? Then that means that in fact it's 9 times in total?

That's why I was leveling up so fast.

If you normally think about it, the more you level up, the more slow it will become to level up, but until now the speed hasn't changed. And it was because every time I got a new skill, the experience received would increase.

This is amazing.

And now, I'm a bit relieved.

I was feeling a bit guilty thinking that when they were fighting with their lives I was stealing their experience. The person in question is earning their own experience, and because what I'm earning is extra experience, I don't need to restrain myself, even the person in question doesn't lose anything.

Its a win-win situation—Well, it's not, but it's okay.

Let's go with a *bang* to parasitize someone.

Now, let's see what this new skill has to offer.

I use the appraisal lens.

【ClassMercenary0→1】

【SkillMastery of short-range weapons】

The moment I tried to see its detail, a display has appeared.

Of course, my class is parasite, and not mercenary.

It can be that, this is—

【Parasite • Class】

You will acquire experience of the class that the person parasitized obtained.

That was the explanation of the new skill.

And now I understand the reason why it was displayed.

【Name】 Eiji=Choukai

【Class】 Parasite 15Mercenary 1

【Stamina】 43

【Strength】 31

【Defense】 43

【Magic】 59

【Magic power】 48

【Magic resistance】 51

【Agility】 57

【Skill】 Parasite x3Parasite • ClassMastery of short-range weapons

When I see the status, I saw that another class was added, the skill has increased and even my attributes has increased.

Perhaps this is the true worth of the class called parasite.

I can gain experience from the classes that other people have, and when I gain experience from a class I don't have, a the new class begins to grow in my body.

If I use this, skills and even abilities will begin to be added. And moreover, three times the experience of each person up to three people.

This skill was the main point of this class called parasite.

“Kukuku... Haahahaha!”

It's likely this was the time when everything started.

CHAPTER 8

I ENDED SURROUNDED BY A MASSIVE AMOUNT OF CLASSES

After that, the time passes for a while.
No really, my laughter doesn't stop.

【Name】 Eiji=Choukai
【Class】 Parasite 17Mercenary 6Mage 5Swordsman 5Priest 3Hunter 3
【Stamina】 77
【Strength】 68
【Defense】 60
【Magic】 72
【Magic power】 59
【Magic resistance】 59
【Agility】 70
【Skill】 Parasite x3Parasite • ClassMastery of short-range weaponsStrong attackMagic tools masteryMagic arrowSword masterySwift swordDispelBow masteryMagic blade

When I went to confirm my status, it has become like this.
It has not been long since I have acquired the Parasite • Class, and my status has become something like this. I have many skills, even my attributes has risen even more than when I had leveled up my parasite level.

Mastery has the effect of letting me use the weapons skillfully, so I tried to practice with a cheap sword that I had bought and even though I had never practiced swordsmanship, even I was able to wield the sword. It was something natural as if my body knew how to use it.

Even more, it seems that the offensive attack increases when I grab a sword.

But above all, I'm so happy because of the magic arrow. This is a skill that I acquired when my mage class went up to level 5, and as the name says, I can now use magic. What can I say, suddenly a feeling of being in a different world came to me. There are

occasions that even if you are a parasite, if you speak of magic, then this kind of magic attack is the one that you want.

I have even acquired the skill that I never thought I would get it. And it's the skill that Rux first told me, the compound skill.

A skill that only those who have learned several skills can obtain, a powerful skill that you can only learn depending on how you combine the skills.

And the magic blade is one of those, a combined skill.

When the level of my classes, swordsmanship and mage went to level 5, I learned it. But even so, right now I don't know if the effect is amazing or not, and it seems that you have to insert magic attribute to make the sword stronger. So it will be effective only if I insert magic attribute in it. Because I have never fought with any monster it's that I don't know what to do, about how to insert magic in it.

Ah, by the way, when I was in high spirits using the lens for third time to check the skill, it broke down.

I think that I have used it more than necessary, yes.

After having learned the Parasite • Class, I have changed a bit my plans for the future. Even though I have found a really strong person, but now that I know that I can get experience of their classes, I will begin to change the way to who I choose to parasitize so I can gather many different classes.

And of course, my class level continues to rise as always. The class of the parasitized person and mine, both continues rising at the same time.

Therefore, I went to the adventurers guild and touched every kind of person.

I changed the way of choosing to whom I'm going to parasitize, but even if I think about collecting classes, I think it will better to do it only after increasing my level. Finding the perfect combination is really difficult.

Now I see that apart from my class, the others are slowly rising up.

And it must be because I'm only receiving the experience of only one person for that class. Even though the experience I get is the main cause, some must be leveling up quickly depending on the class.

That's why, I was thinking over and over if I do it carefully or not, it's difficult to decide.

While I was inside of the inn, troubled by that, I learned a new skill.

【Parasite • Info】 You can obtain information on the person parasitized.

To put it briefly, I can get to know the class and the level of the person parasitized. I will know if their class level is low or not after having been parasitized, and if I know that, I can stop my skill and look for someone new. It's simple but useful.

Everyone can see their own status but not the status of others, and I'm the same, I can only see my own status, but not the status of other people.

That's why, to have this type of skill is a great help. Even though what I can see it's only their class and level, but even with that it's enough because I can't go and simply ask a stranger about their status.

After having seeing all the other skills, I thought, my skill is different from the others, It lets me get stronger.

It's shining completely, my parasite class, really.

And like that, many days passed.

And like it's expected, the leveling up of my parasite class has weakened, but the other classes have experienced a significant increase in level.

But even so, they have by far the greatest offensive power.

I was in the middle of going towards the adventurers guild while I was in a good mood with the purpose of choosing new classes, when I came across a shrine.

No, I found it before, but I decided today to go inside.

The shrine was entirely made with big white stones, a shine of chalk. The design of the pillars were exquisitely made, so it was worth of seeing.

There is an altar in the front of the entrance, and anybody can only enter until that place. There is a massive door at the back, and it's likely to lead to the place where the shinto priests are working.

Several places are decorated with pink flowers, but, it may be because the hair of Rux is pink.

And in a very outstanding place, at the front after going straight, the goddess statue is being worshiped.

This is Rux.

They have grasped her unique peculiarities, this stone statue has a splendid

workmanship

All the visitors except me, are praying respectfully.

To think that she was really a god.

And not only that, there is even a statue with the exact appearance of her, she must have descended sometime. Or she only showed her appearance?

What can she be doing at this time, Rux.

She said it took considerable power to open the hole, so she must be taking a rest.

Since I came to this place, let's pray? I am grateful that you have given me this class even if it's this parasite class.

It was impossible to get three classes like it was normal, but now my results are far greater than what I have expected, now I was able to learn more than three classes.

I left many offerings after seeing the altar. This is something to be glad, I give my thanks to the goddess Rux and the visitors and then I left the shrine.

CHAPTER 9

THE FIRST REQUEST

After leaving the shrine, I went as I had planned to the adventurers guild. I was already accustomed to seeing her face everyday, really. When I was thinking of whom I'm going to parasitize today, I saw a familiar face.

“Oh, isn’t it Eiji? How are you?”

“Veil. Well, not bad”

It was the adventurer who has guided me through the town when I wanted to go for the first time towards the adventurers guild, the female adventurer, Veil. And similar to the last time, she is wearing a light mantle and started the conversation with an “Oh”.

“It’s a lie. I come here often but, I have never seen you grab a request”

“U”

This is bad.

I can’t tell to her that I only came here to choose to whom I’m going to parasitize. It’s more, she is being parasitized.

“Huh, when I was trying to select a request, it happened this and that and then I began to hesitate in which choose. Ahaha, I’m indecisive”

Veil folds her arms, and with a “I see, I see” she nodded exaggeratedly.

“I understand you, yes. Because you just became an adventurer, you’re being careful, I see. The opposite of me. If it was me, if I think this will be ok, I will go with a *boom*, because I’m the straightforward type. I want you to learn a little. Ahaha”

She puts her hand behind her head and with the mouth wide open, Veil starts to laugh. With her hand in the same position, she tilted her body looking at my face with curiosity.

“But you know, if you don’t go when it’s the time, then not matter how much time it

pass, you will never have your adventurer debut. It's okay, I know what to do. I will choose it for you. Let's go"

"Eh, no, I'm not..."

"Come on, come on, stand up, stand up!"

Her arm and mine were intertwined, and suddenly and forcefully she dragged me. Why so forcefully—No, this is, her well-developed chest is being pressed against my arm. Kuu, this sensation... Why is so... Why is so... Aah...

While my strength was weakening, I ended up being taken to the counter.

Crap!

"Wendy! Please, a request for a beginner"

"Veil, why do you want a request for a beginner... Oh, Eiji-san, hello"

"Ah, hello"

She was the one who made all my registration procedures, the receptionist Wendy. It's not surprising that the receptionist knows Veil, she is the one who is giving the request to her.

"It's possible that, both will work together?"

"No, that is not—"

"That's right!"

Eeh—!

Are you serious?

Wait a moment, please a moment, Veil-san, your answer was very quick—.

"I understand! You finally have the motivation to do it, isn't that right, Eiji-san! I can say that the difficulty of this is by far the lowest"

And Wendy was also fast.

The documents were quickly pulled out, and were placed in front of us. Without a moment of delay, Veil picked the document, and with her face next to mine, we both saw the document.

These people are really coordinated.

But, well, leaving that aside.

She understand what is she doing?

Is she aware that her skin is so close to me even though I'm a man, Veil are you aware of that?

No matter who is, always talking to you like you were her friend, a cheerful girl that raises your spirit and makes you feel startled. It can be that maybe she likes me, but then I could be wrong. I want you to stop stabbing me, an unpopular man with the feminine gender like me.

I'll never be fooled again, and I'll never be again captured in another trap after make me remember a sad memory. This type of person is always acting intimate with anyone, no matter who is. You definitely are not a special guy, Eiji.

I examine the document while I pretend that I'm calm.

Of course, in my interior, my heart is beating extremely fast and all my nerves are concentrated on my cheek.

• Goblin subjugation • Laurel Wolf subjugation • Seed Sukuri harvest

...And so on, these were the request that Wendy had taken out. As I expected, there are a lot of subjugation and harvest.

“Now, which will be good?”

“Isn't it the harvesting ones or the medical plats easy to complete?”

“Eeeh—! If we are going to do one anyways, then it has to be a monster subjugation”

“They seem dangerous so I think it will be a little dangerous for a beginner”

Veil rejects my words, but Wendy corrects them.

“It's not like picking herbs is going to be safe too. For example, the sukuri seed is only found in the deepest part of the forest, and even there are monsters and aggressive animals. People who knows the way can avoid the animals, so it's safe for them, but someone who doesn't know anything will be—”

Wendy raises her hands and makes a pose as if she were showing her claws.

Now I understand, it's dangerous to enter in a territory that you know nothing about. I'm sure that if it were possible to collect them without any danger, then it would not be requested to adventurers.

That means that it's better to take the request to fight monsters that you know that are weak.

I started thinking for a moment, and then I chose the Laurel Wolf subjugation. And while Veil is laughing with a satisfactory smile, my hand is pulled.

“That’s right, that’s right. Then let’s go, Eiji!”

“Please be careful in your way!”

After being seen off by Wendy, my arm continued being pulled off by Veil and so, we left the adventurers guild.

Even though they are troublesome persons, but this may be the perfect time.

Because I wanted to find out how much strength I have by now.

And now that I have an expert by my side, even if my strength is not enough, I will not have any problem.

It’s the perfect time to try.

The place where Veil and me went was a forest in the east of the Laurel town.

The wolf called Laurel Wolf is living there, but in these days, it seems that the number of wolves have increased and they come out of the forest to attack the cattle.

And because it happens often, to control that their numbers does not increase too much, periodically they put the subjugation request.

After reaching the forest, we went towards the point where the Laurel Wolf appears according to the information of the request. And suddenly, the wolves appeared.

Two wolves of light brown fur were growling to intimidate us.

“They have arrived”

“We can’t complete the subjugation request if they don’t come”

“Well, that’s true, but they look as if they will jump over us at any time. Suu—Haa—”

While I breathe deeply, I take out the sword that I have bought before and I put myself in position.

And at the same time, the two wolves attacked.

“Haaaa!”

I attacked them from the front.

I prepare myself with the sword, and to the wolf who passed by my side I gave him a thrust with my sword. Even I was surprised by those smooth and natural movements. With a fast movement and with only one hit, I ended killing the wolf.

Moreover, the two wolves at the same time.

The skill 【Consecutive sword】 has been activated, and with only one stroke I ended up adding another attack.

I turn around, and I look towards the two monsters lying on the ground. Even though I don't believe it, the sensation of my palm tells me that it's something I've done.

“That's amazing, Eiji. After having said that sort of thing, you have defeated them with ease”

While hearing the applause of Veil, I felt it.

“Yes. It seems that I have become really strong”

CHAPTER 10

A BOSS APPEARS

After having defeated the two wolves from the subjugation request, I ended up advancing deeper into the forest. Laurel Wolves appeared once again, but I ended up killing them easily.

Seeing that, Veil nods in admiration.

“It’s amazing, your skill with the sword. It’s fast and strong. With your speed as a selling point, the wolves doesn’t have any chance. Moreover, you are aiming at their vitals, I don’t know why you were hesitating”

“I’m the careful type, I didn’t even know the true strength of my opponent”

“Even so, there isn’t much danger in a F-rank request. It must be that you have trained many years without even experiencing a real combat?”

“Hmm, something like that”

Actually, it was about one week!

Let’s put that aside for now, I want to hide the fact that I have a strange skill. I don’t want to stand out too much.

“It would have been better if you had your debut much earlier. But well, at any rate you seem that you will be fine. Let’s go separately, in that way we can defeat them more quickly”

“Eh, we have to separate? It is okay to do that?”

“With your strength you will not have any problem. It’s also important to finish the work quickly! That’s why I will be going this way. I’ll leave that place to you”

As soon as she finished talking, Veil ran off to left. She has the type of personality, that when she is thinking about something, she does it.

Now I’m alone.

But well, I think everything will be alright with this request, it’s really easy. Let’s go to defeat these wolves.

I went to the right path.

I’m not against finishing this quickly. Twenty heads are required for this subjugation

request, and I need to find ten.

After advancing for a while, this time I met with a group of five wolves. And like you expect, their numbers were a lot this time so it wasn't possible for me to finish them all at once.

I invoke the magic arrow from distance, a preemptive attack.

When the arrow pierced through its head, the Laurel Wolf was defeated, but then, the remaining wolves, waiting for the perfect time, attacked all together.

Again, another magic arrow was invoked and with it, one wolf fell down, and now only three remain. I was able to get rid of two before the other wolves approached.

I cut down the two wolves that passed next to me that were trying to tear me apart, and now only one remains.

The last one with its sharp claws came with the intention of tearing apart my throat, but I stopped its attack with my sword, and in the next moment I used my sword to cut it.

In the surroundings are the bloody remains of the Laurel Wolves corpses.

The circumstances to finish them were good. Now I'm a step closer to finishing the request.

And it's more, I have a lot of magic to spare and also stamina.

When I use magic, it uses magic power, and when I use a physical skills my stamina is consumed, but the two of them have enough to let me go ahead. I can continue fighting with ease.

At that moment, I felt something cold in my cheek.

When I immediately turn around to look from where that weird presence is coming, what was there was a figure of a wolf completely different from the others.

It has a silvery fur, and its two times bigger than the Laurel Wolf I have encountered until now. This wolf also has eyes like they were of sapphire.

I look into its red like blood mouth, the wolf is baring its fangs while staring me.

I was lucky, if I had taken a little longer, the first movement would have been stolen. And at the moment when I put myself in position, the silver wolf took an unexpected action.

From its open mouth, a breath of ice was thrown at me.

“Wh-!”

I was able to evade it jumping to the side.

After almost have received a direct attack, when looking behind me, a trunk of a tree was frozen and was full of holes, and while making a noise it fell down.

What's with this power, there is even a wolf using something like magic, I never heard anything about it.

Or rather, it seems that this monster has a completely different appearance to the others?!

The edge of my clothes are frozen and are being destroyed. I was really in a pinch there. If it has the power to break a tree in one shot, I can't relax my guard. Don't be so full of it, let's put some fighting spirit!

At the same time after switching my switch, once again the silver wolf threw a breath. But this time I evaded it easily, and going around the wolf, I approached.

Even though it's a really dangerous enemy, it isn't at the level where I can't defeat it. I can see its breath if I stay calm. It might be the boss of the wolves of this place, but I will cut it off with all my power.

“Boost!”

Thanks to the fruits of my effort of staying for many days in the inn, I was able to learn my recently acquired skill **【Boost】**, and when the skill it's activated, for temporary period of time, my body is strengthened!

With my sudden increase of power and agility, receive my blow!

After I suddenly approached to the wolf, I evaded the fangs that were trying to bite me, then I seized the chance and used the skill **【Strong Attack】** when the wolf extended its neck, and with the increase of even more power, I slashed downwards with all my might.

It was a short time, but as something similar to a blizzard appeared, his last moments ended, and so, the silver wolf life ended disappearing.

“...Fu—”

I managed to do it somehow.

Even though something unexpected happened, if I use my skills I will be able to handle it somehow.

As expected, it was good that I ended learning many skills of different classes, and if I continue using them without fail, I can fight considerably well.

I'm more than satisfied, while I was thinking like that, I saw the figure of Veil coming from between the trees.

When I wave my hand toward her, she increases her speed, and so, we were once again reunited.

I report to her of my results.

“I was able to defeat a considerable number, six wolves”

“.....”

“But somehow the fur of one of these wolves was a little different, it can even use magic, it was a special one”

“.....”

“What could have been that... Veil?”

Without speaking a single word, Veil with the mouth partly open has become hard. When I was thinking what has happened to her, I follow her glance and I realize that she is looking at the silver wolf.

“Aah, that was that strange monster”

“Cocytus Wolf”

“Hee, it has that type of name. It caused me many problems, but I was able to do it somehow”

“Eh, you've defeated it? Alone?”

Veil was standing there as if she were frozen, and with some clumsy movements, she turned towards me. What? What is happening?

“I thought so. I did something I should not?”

At the next moment, as if Veil had been defrosted, she jumped toward me, and with her hands over my shoulders, she continued talking.

“Is not that you did something wrong! This was a C-rank monster!? Perhaps one of the best adventurers that are usually in the town would be able to fight somehow equally”

Eh, it's true?

It really was a dangerous guy?

“Even cutting its neck in two with one stroke, and I have never imagined that it was possible to do it with such sword. The fur of this is hard like steel, so normally you wouldn't be able to defeat it without magic”

Eh, really?

Surely this wolf compared with the others, this had a much faster reaction, that's what I thought, but I've cut it in half?

Not only Veil is surprised, I am too. Veil is intensely staring my face.

“...It's amazing, Eiji. You were so strong”

“No, maybe I just was lucky”

“You don't have to be so modest, if something is amazing then you have to say that it's amazing. ...I have to thank you. If it had been me who had met this Cocytus Wolff, I would have been finished. It would have been impossible even for me to escape. If I had come to this place to complete the request without Eiji, I would have died. You're the person who saved my life, thank you, Eiji”

Veil grabs tightly my two hands, and she bows as if she were praying.

Eventually she raised her head, but now, her face has turned red.

“It was somewhat embarrassing. I was even behaving as if I was an important senpai, but Eiji was always the powerful one”

“Not at all! You don't have to be worried about such things! I defeated the monster, but, seriously, I don't have any experience as an adventurer, and I didn't even know anything about the town. You have helped me a lot teaching me various things. If Veil had not been dragging me from here to there, I would have been hesitating for a long time, so I'm the one who has to give the thanks”

I leaned deeply from the waist, even more than what Veil did.

And when I lift my head, Veil was staring at me surprised.

What to do. I'm embarrassed if you look at me like that.

“Even having such power, thank you... Eiji, You're...”

After that, Veil just stared at me for a long time. Without being able to calm myself all the way, I reported the results of the wolf subjugation request.

CHAPTER 11

ROOKIE'S EXPECTATION

After the Laurel Wolf's fangs were cut as a proof, we returned to guild in Laurel. When I showed the fangs to the receptionist, Wendy inclined her head in doubt.

"By the way, there is a large and strange fang mixed, and it seems to be overflowing with a blue color, just like a jewel. This can't be a Laurel Wolf, right?"

"That's right, this is the Cocytus Wolf. It seems that this was the boss of the Laurel Wolves"

"Cocytus... Eeeeh, Cocytus~!?"

Wendy was staring in amazement.

And at the same time, the place was filled with commotion.

"Th-There was something like that!? Injuries? Both of you are alright?"

"Everything is alright. The reason why I'm yet alive is because I never crossed it. Eiji was the one who defeated and by his own"

The gaze of Wendy and everyone inside the adventurers guild was directed towards me.

For some reason, for the time being, I nodded loosely,

"A-Amazing. You just have registered in the guild but you already were so skillful. Please, say it. You didn't take into account the feelings of this onee-san and you made me explain it all to you~"

"No, you don't have to worry. Actually, I didn't know anything about the guild, I didn't know many things. Leaving that aside, please, make it fast, mark as completed the request"

"Ah, that's right. I had forgotten about that. Well, I will do it now"

After Wendy finished writing in the documents, she tells me to pull out the guild card, then she uses a magic tool on it. She must be recording the request with that. Then, she pulls out the agreed reward and passes to me with hesitation.

"Umm, I'm sorry, this is the only reward of the request. Sorry, even though you have

defeated the Cocytus wolf”

“No, you don’t have to be worried at all! I’m happier from the fact you were worried about me rather than for a Laurel Wolf, I’m really grateful for even getting this”

When I answer in that way, Wendy bends backward her body in surprise.

“That you can say that kind of things! I’m the one who is very grateful. Let me tell you this in exchange, that Cocytus Wolf’s jewel fangs are infused with a strong magic, so I believe they will become a great sum of money. Um, ah, from now on, I’ll introduce you good requests as much as possible!”

I thank her, and after I have received the reward, I went away from the counter. After that, I forced Veil to accept the reward after I divided it into two, and in addition, I took every material usable from the monsters and I exchanged them for money and that was also divided in half. It’s only that the jewel that is attached to the fang, as a proof that of my victory against it, Veil made me accept it stubbornly, I didn’t have other choice but to give up and accept it.

After everything ended, I returned to the inn.

Marie-chan greets me like always, saying “Welcome home” and to hear that makes me feel very relieved. When I put my hand on her head and say to her “You are always working so hard”, she stiffens and her face turns red.

When I return to my room, without counting money, I dive into my bed.

“Sigh—, so tired. Somehow I more tired than when I was fighting”

Seriously, I’m not accustomed to being bathed in so many gazes and being told so much stuff.

If I want to live more peacefully and relaxed, then I need to defeat stronger monsters without attracting attention.

“But, I was able to complete the request, and I think I’m quite, no, I know that I can fight considerably well because I did much better than what you would expect for that kind of request. Now the range of my actions will extend considerably”

However, comparing the growth of all the classes, It has not changed at all that my parasite class continues being the strongest.

But if I want to obtain stuff and money, I don’t have other choice but to accept requests,

however, it's good that now I know that I can complete them quite easily.

【Parasite19→20】

Oh, the level has risen. It was because the experience that I have received from the Cocytus Wolf was a huge amount?

【SkillParasite • Gold has been acquired】

Moreover, a new skill.

...But, the name of this skill, it can be that.

I used the appraisal lens to see the details of the skill.

Although the lens broke down easily, but, I no longer cared more about that.

【Parasite • Gold】

You can obtain money that the parasitized person has obtained.

And the need to obtain money through request has disappeared!

If you are asking me about how I can earn money with this skill, I was able to understand it the next morning.

When I woke up the next morning, I found money piled up beside my bed.

At first I thought about what happened, but then I recalled that it was because the skill. I was able to get the money that they had earned during the whole day of yesterday, from the people that I had parasitized.

If I want to say it more accurately, with the Parasite x3 power, I can earn three times what the parasitized person is earning.

I can roughly estimate that I will earn nine times the income with three people parasitized, and I'll keep earning it while I sleep.

Now I don't have any need to continue accepting request, yes.

Now, I can spend all my time in being lazy.

Let's stay in this inn to my heart's content.

CHAPTER 12

I LEVELED UP FROM BEING A PARASITE, BUT I MAY HAVE GROWN TOO MUCH

After that, I spent from morning until night eating my meals in the inn, and while I'm in the inn at daytime, I help Marie-chan in her work while having a friendly chat with her, and I even helped to taste the new dishes of the inn's owner. With that flow of events, I reached to the point that I didn't have to go outside to get my food, so the need to go outside was lost.

You could say that my potential of becoming a parasite and nothing more was correct. Everything I have done to the moment when I reached to this other world, when I realized, my field of operations was nothing more than this room in this inn.

Your personality will not change even if you age.

In the meantime, my level continues rising and the money continues to pile up. Even my friendship gauge with the inn's boss is rising.

When I realized, I learned the skill called **【Parasite x4】**

And like you expect, I can parasitize up to four people, and its effect it's four times. In other worlds, 16 times. I will be troubled if my neet life makes even more progress.

If it makes so much progress, I'll be staying indoors for a considerable long time. I'm already so familiar with everyone that I reached the level where every guest of the inn greets me with a "Welcome home". I'm already recognized as an existence that is always in the inn?

"However, as you would expect, I've had enough"

I thought about that after having lived for a while in such way. It's really difficult to maintain a leisurely life in this other world. I don't know what to do now that I don't have a pc.

But if you say the opposite, how long I would be shut in my bedroom if I had a pc, I could kill a lot of time without getting tired of it, but that would be dangerous. If you say that a devil invented it to corrupt people, I would believe you. But well, leaving aside the pc, there are books and the like but always reading books

would make your eyes cry, that's why I decided to go out for a walk.

But, before that.

There was something that made me worry a little, so I thought about seeing my status.

【Name】 Eiji=Choukai

【Class】 Parasite 21Mercenary 13Mage 6Swordsman 7Shinto Priest 10Hunter
12Shaman 9Fighter 3Miner 8Thief 10

【Stamina】 144

【Strength】 120

【Defense】 108

【Magic】 125

【Magic power】 101

【Magic resistance】 115

【Agility】 127

【Skill】 Parasite x4Parasite • ClassParasite • InfoParasite • GoldMastery of short-range weaponsStrong AttackMagic tools masteryMagic arrowSword masterySwift swordDispelBow masteryBoostToughnessPrayer (Beautiful) Dig • SkillfulStrength upHawk's eyesTerrain adaptation: ForestTerrain adaptation: CavesWeakening spellLucky sword spellMud spellToughnessMagic bladeHigh attackHigh attackMoral sensesMagic arrow rainEagle eyeBargain...

Because I have increased the number of classes, the number of skills has increased even more. Because I also have the compound skill in addition of the several skills of each class, even I got to the point where I don't know what's what, yes.

There are skills from classes that I haven't learned yet because I haven't leveled them to their necessary level, so I started to level up my skills even a little before changing the target. For now I will raise their level until it becomes slower.

However, it's really troublesome to think if the correct thing to do is to increase my classes or not.

Even if after all this time my feelings start to change, I don't have a sense of unity. Though, I'm glad to have so many skills, but more than that, what I want to confirm is my attributes.

Before when I asked to Wendy about it, the status of a typical adventurer is about 120 or 130, approximately.

So now I'm not different from them at all.

Even if the normal is to only have one class, that my ability is high, well, it's because I'm gaining even more experience than what the source of my skill is earning, but what is more mysterious than that, is that I have defeated a stronger monster like the Cocytus Wolf.

I think that my status is really bad, so there's no reason for me to have been possible to cut off the Cocytus Wolf's hard body.

So why was possible to do that with this kind of status.

But when I look to the status, I sensed something out of place.

I have repeated skills?

Toughness and high attack and so on, there are two with the same name. After looking at it, I feel uneasy, but each one was learned from a different class.

There is the case when you learn the same skill from different classes, so that's why I have two.

At that moment, I suddenly realized.

It can be that, I thought, so I used the appraisal lens to see the details of the attributes.

“—So that's why”

The high attack skill is always multiplying my attack by 1.4 times. And the sword mastery skill is multiplying my attack by 1.3 times when I have equipped a sword. The mastery of short-range weapons skill is multiplying my offensive attack and defense by 1.2 times when I have a short-range weapon equipped. The physical strength mastery is always multiplying my offensive attack by 1.2 times. The terrain domain: forest, multiplies all my status by 1.5 times when I'm in a forest...

Etc, the so called passive skills—If I meet the requirements, the effects of the skills are put automatically into action, and these have specially the effect to increase my abilities.

And the ones with the same name are also included, all the effects are overlapped.

In other words, my offensive power is the basic attributes by $1.4 \times 1.4 \times 1.3 \times 1.2 \times 1.2 \times 1.15 = 4$ times approximately, and they are always in effect!

And you have to count the active skills, in other words, the effect of the skills that are

activated at the time when I use them, and with boost their effects strengthen my attack and agility, and using the strong attack in only one attack I raised my power even more. Respectively they increase by 30% and 30%

If you combine those effect—It's likely, I used towards the Cocytus Wolf approximately seven times my usual strength, the outcome was that I made the wolf eat a slash of 700% or more of my offensive attack.

Well, of course it would die.

I grabbed the sword to experiment, and when I used the appraisal lens to see my offensive power, even if some skills are not working right now, a 120(40) is shown. If it were as usual I would be only able to see them as my basic attributes, but now that I'm looking at the corrected version in detail, I'm aware of it.

But, I understood it.

It was because of this.

It's normal for the people of this world to only have one class. Actually, from all the people I have parasitized so far nobody had a second class.

In that case, I can't collect so many of them with the skill of my hand. If it's swordsman, then I can only get sword mastery. And even if you pile up the active skills, at the most, it will only be multiplied by two.

But in my case, I will get at least ten times their power while I continue to pile them up.

Because all those were multiplied, when the numbers increased, the explosive power ended up increasing. An originally impossible super-correction was put into effect.

If you accumulate even a 30%, it eventually will become a 100%.

What I can say, I can understand very well the terrifying true of the compound interest, you have to return the borrowed money at once.

The other attributes also increased pretty well, so it's no wonder that I was able to dodge that flashy attack of the wolf, and even kill them in one shot with my magic. In some way, this is the violence of the numbers.

I who has raised the tension of the game by many times, overflowing with confidence and motivation, left the inn with a dash.

And of course, I was given weird looks, yes.

CHAPTER 13

DAILY LIFE AT LAUREL

After leaving the inn, at last I calmed down, and for a while I began to try the food from those street stalls. After making a detour, I went to the adventurers guild since I haven't been there for a long time.

“Ah, Eiji-san! What happened? These days you didn’t show your figure at all”

After recognizing my figure, Wendy started calling me with her hands from the counter.

“I was taking it easy these days”

“Yes, it’s true that you found something rare in your last request. But I’m so envious that you’ll be fine even if you don’t work for a while. I also want a vacation”

But that isn’t even the reason for why I have so much free time.

But it’s not like I could say exactly that in front of the eyes full of envy of Wendy.

“Is there any, request?”

“Yes, of course there are. Umm, but, I’m sorry, however I can’t introduce you to any other request up to the E-rank”

To Wendy who says it shyly, I shake my head.

“That’s natural, I’m a F-rank. I even completed the request normally. It was luck, it just happened that I killed a well-known monster, and that itself could have been just a fluke. It’s not a big deal. It’s not like it will raise my rank immediately”

“That you are able to say that and accept it, it really helps me. Thank you”

Wendy puts her two hands together in front of her chest, and with wet eyes, she bowed her head.

“But you are wrong in one thing, it was a big deal. If Eiji hadn’t defeated it, then, anyone could have fallen prey to the beast. Let’s return to the main point, the request... these are the ones!”

A bunch of documents were piled up.

I began to see them one by one.

Which of these I will choose? When thinking like that, Wendy who was looking at them with me, from the pile of papers, pulled out one and showed it to me.

“This is what I recommend to you. The reward is good for such difficulty. I had that request in my eyes for the moment when Eiji decided to return”

The request recommended by Wendy, surely it has a big reward.

And even though there are many with low rewards, completing that type of request must be really easy.

While I continue thanking her, I pick one of those recommended by Wendy, and then I choose two from the rest.

“Poriu grass harvest, help to dig a hole, Peepu Rabbit subjugation... Leaving aside the first, the last two are... I don't think you should take them”

Wendy approaches her face to my ear, and whispers.

“Both of them are difficult to complete and their reward is really low, they have not found a capable person for a long time. Instead of that, you should focus in others with better rewards. You don't need to hold back in front of other people, because you already have your past achievement”

Wendy was flitting the request that she had recommended me in front of mine, but I shook my head.

If I want to be frank, I have the skill 【Parasite • Gold】, so the rewards doesn't matter to me. Even with this rank, the amount that I'm earning with my skill is a lot, I don't need to consider if this or that request is worth or not, there is not great difference. That's why everything is alright, I only need to do the one that catches my attention.

“No, it's alright. I don't care about that, things like the how much the reward is. Please, leave them for people who need the most. I'm doing these request because I'm interested”

And when I say it honestly, what?

Wendy looks startled, what is happening now?

“...Is that so”

Eh, what?

“Because Eiji has the enough ability to do any request you want, you will take the initiative to do the request that others have no interest, is that right? For the sake of everyone, you are willing to bear all the hardships, that is something that not everyone can do. Everyone is striving to grab all the delicious requests for themselves. And despite that, you thought about me as well, so you’ve only grabbed one request of all that I have recommended you. Thank you, I, even though I don’t know what I should say at this moment, I’m deeply moved”

With her face close to mine, her eyes become even more wet.

Eh? It’s like she is really reading too much into it.

“No, it’s not like that...”

“I will not tell to anyone. Yes, I understand. I really understand you! It’s not something to exaggerate in such way, so nobody will pay attention to you. I understand, after this, even if it’s only myself, I will engrave your true intentions in my heart. Then, the three request, please work hard! Because even I’ll support you with the best of my ability on the side of the information!”

To the Wendy who is grasping tightly her fist, I gave up explaining, and then I decided to hear the details of the request. And because Wendy was talking so enthusiastic about the information of the request, I started to move immediately, I left behind the guild.

CHAPTER 14

PILING UP THREE KINDS OF DIFFERENT REQUESTS IN THE OTHER WORLD

- Poriu grass collecting

【With the prevalence of the cold responsible of the nasal mucus, the nasal congestion, itchy eyes and itchy throat, the main ingredient of the medicine for cold, the stock of the Poriu grass has decreased. I want you to collect them】

First, I will start with the collection request.

I wanted to do it the last time, but in the end, I didn't do it. From the first time I came to the adventurers guild I wanted to try that type of request.

I already heard from Wendy the approximate location. It's in the forest of the east like the last time, but it seems that they are growing in a different place.

After walking for awhile towards that place, a red wild boar came to attack me, but somehow I was able to defeat it. I continued walking forward.

There was others, like an aggressive deer trying to stab me with its horn, a giant bee attacking me, and a group of leeches of about thirty centimeters trying to approach me quietly, this is a quite survival forest.

Seriously, I think it would be better if the people in the guild could put more effort in these subjugation requests.

“Hm?”

When I was thinking things like that, a rabbit came leaping from the bushes.

When I look at it closely, I realized that the rabbit has a nose like a pig, and that it has something attached on its back, something like the mane of the fin.

That is not the characteristic of the peep rabbit?

“This is the killing two birds with the same stone? Of course, I have only found a rabbit”

- Peep Rabbit subjugation

【Please, exterminate the peep rabbit that is devouring the field crops. Only one rabbit is enough to destroy a field】

Indeed, even now it's chewing something like a eggplant.

Even if the rabbit looks cute while chewing the vegetable that its holding with its front legs, but in reality it's a harmful animal that is destroying the fields, it's impossible to forgive.

I grabbed the sword with my hand and then I ran towards the rabbit.

With a speed even surpassing wolves, something like a rabbit it would be ea-... What!

Though I was able to get close, but as if the rabbit had sprouted wings and was flying with such wings, the rabbit was exchanging hits with my sword. As if it were making fun of me, sometimes the rabbit kicked hard with its hind legs and sometimes it swings its tail that is like cotton before attacking me.

Don't underestimate the whole human race.

This monster is like those from those RPG where they only have a high evasion rate, and this type of enemy makes you accumulate even more stress than those who have high defensive power, really.

“Shit, I'm not making any progress”

I can't hit it with only swinging my sword.

To exterminate this clever animal that even uses the trees and brushes——I don't have other alternative but to use a difficult attack to evade.

I will show you, the power of my compound skill.

Class • Mage.

Class • Hunter.

The skill that has born from those two classes, the Magic Arrow Rain.

I mimicked the action of drawing a bow to its limit, and then I released my skill over the head of the Peep Rabbit.

Even though the Peep Rabbit was making a face like saying 'What is this fool doing?' while seeing the whereabouts of the arrow, but at the next moment the Peep Rabbit started to panic.

But it's was too late.

The magic arrow began to divide in the air, and after the innumerable magic arrows formed a rain, it began to pour down.

Even if it can evade some of them, it won't work against a big area attack.

There is no place where to hide.

If the Peep Rabbit could make another jump it would have been possible for it to escape from the attack range, but that rabbit closed its eyes after being pierced by an arrow.

Good grief, that was a formidable enemy.

My personal impression was that this rabbit was even more troublesome than the Silver Wolf. No matter how I think about it, if you don't have a considerably ability then it would be impossible to complete the subjugation. Now I understand the reason why Wendy didn't recommend me these requests.

If the offensive power is high=It's means that the monster it's not difficult to deal. I learned a lot.

I have learned a lot and I even have procured a good ingredient

When I was thinking about having a fantasy like rabbit stew to eat, I saw far away in

the distance a peculiar plant which was extending itself drawing something like a spiral.

“That is the Poriu grass. It’s really convenient, these hunter’s skills”

Skill 【Hawk’s eyes】 .

A skill that makes easy to find whatever you’re you’re looking for.

In few words, the power of observation, the more attentive you’re the more easy to find the thing you’re looking for.

When I cross through the roots of trees and the obstructive branches, what was there was a location where plants were growing in masse, not just one, there it was growing a massive quantity of Poriu grass.

They would have problems next year if I take everything right now, that’s why I will collecting about 1,5 kg, because it seems that the amount they need is about 1 kg.

I have a good feeling, until now everything went smooth.

Let’s go with this mood.

CHAPTER 15

PILING UP THREE KINDS OF DIFFERENT REQUESTS IN THE OTHER WORLD (2)

After putting everything in my space bag, I went straight to complete the third request.

- Help digging a hole

【Please dig up a hole to bury the garbage】

Because this was a too simple request, I was in doubt in whatever this is something that a adventurer would do or not, but even so I had a certain presentiment.

If you think normally, it's impossible for a stupid request like this to exist.

In that case If they continue to call this a garbage hole request, then surely they must have some type of ulterior motive?

If that's the case, then the reward will be different to the one presented, and that doesn't mean that I would be able to obtain something like a superb reward suited to their ulterior motives?

I accepted this request thinking in that way.

If something looks shabby at first glance, then there is nothing more to think, it's common sense, and I understand that.

“Then, please start digging the hole immediately, there is a lot of garbage piled up. It is necessary that even the deepest hole would be able to hold at least 30 people”

In the outskirts of a vacant land, after the old man finished speaking he passed me a shovel.

I received the shovel, and then I started to wait.

The old man leaves.

...Eh?

And the special event?

—But nothing special happens!

“This is real? Seriously, this is nothing more than a digging request?”

Well, hahaha.

And I was absolutely sure they would have an ulterior motive but there was nothing at all.

Of course, something like common sense or theories are completely unrelated.

Let's stop reading too much into. The world is more simple than what I thought.

“Sigh—. Now I don't have other choice but to do it”

Even though it's troublesome, there is no use in complaining about something already accepted.

Now that it has come to this, let's dig quickly the hole and finish this.

I stabbed the shovel on the ground and I started digging.

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With my current ability I should not have any serious problem, but the ground is considerably hard.

I'm fine for the moment, but if you dig a large hole, gradually it will become more difficult.

...Ah, that's right.

It wasn't that I had the perfect skill for this?

The skill of the class 【Shaman】 , 【Weakening Spell】

I need to activate the skill on the place where I want to dig up.

“Ooh, it's a success. So, this is even effective for things”

I tried to experiment with things, and it seems that it's also effective.

I thought that it was possible to use it only in battles, but it's not as if it's already fixed to a determined moment. It's important to try everything.

And because of the skill of the class 【Miner】 , only by standing on the ground, I have acquired a special buff, and because of the synergy——Ooh, I can dig, I can dig. I can dig up the softly ground that is like a pudding.

Even if I don't use the compound skill, if I use the skills together, then I can give a birth to a even better effect than using them individually. This is also the strong point of having more than two classes.

Let's name this the earth pudding combo.

“Hyahha—!”

Spending the whole time digging up the ground with all my strength that has become like pudding has become somewhat fun. I ended up digging and digging.

When I realized, the sun had set, even the hole was dug exhaustively.

I returned to my senses the moment I saw the huge hole.

Why? When I think calmly, even myself didn't know what part of digging a hole was fun.

Though I don't understand it. I'm sure that I was laughing at that time.

Then, what's wrong with that? Even if I don't understand the reason. I know for sure

that I had enjoyed that moment.

...eh, what I'm doing reciting a poem.

I need to go back to report to the client as soon as possible... Hm?

And at that moment, when I calmed myself, I saw something illuminated by moonlight.

What it is?

The thing that is shining inside the hole it's carefully mined and then the whole thing is dug.

It was a dagger.

The polished surface that it's like a mirror even in the dark stands out.

Even though the point of the sword it's bent, and it was buried in the ground, this glow is not common. It makes me think that is something of great value. I'm lucky, let's pick it.

I grabbed the short sword, and then I went to report to the client about having finished digging the hole.

Though the client, the grandpa couldn't believe me that I finished so fast, but when I pulled him to go against his will, he was so surprised to the point that he almost dropped his jaw.

In any case, with this I have finished the request, and when I spoke about the short sword, he said he didn't need it and that I could bury it next to the trash or that I could bring it with me, so I took the sword with me.

In any case, this will be most likely buried so there wouldn't be any problem even if I take it with me.

Therefore, all the requests were finished.

Because I did things that I wasn't used to that I ended tired, so I left the report until tomorrow

and I returned to the inn.

Since it appears that the old man of the inn finished cooking the rabbit that I passed to him before I started to dig, I slowly tasted the hot stew, and then I fell quickly into a deep sleep.

When I finished the report the next day, despite being surprised, Wendy gave me quickly the reward. Oh well, compared with the money I can earn with the Parasite • Gold skill, this is hardly surprising, however, the feeling of receiving money for achieving something is not bad at all.

It looks like the pleasure of manual work is awakening in me, in me of all people.

It seems like I was able to obtain two things which it seems to have some value, the gem of Cocytus Wolf and the short sword of yesterday, and when I asked Wendy about what the others adventurers do at those time, she told me that it seems that there are some nobles which are extremely fond of rare articles in this town.

It seems that they are always saying to the adventurers and the guild that if you happen to find something rare to let them buy it by all means. There are also others adventurers who make dealings with others adventurers.

And it seems that right now I'm in possession of two rare like items.

They don't look so useful, so I might as well sell them. Besides, if it's a collector, It may have things even more rare. If I can see those things then that would be interesting.

There is the possibility that the collector might have an amazing and unique rare item. I'm weak to that sort of thing.

Thus, I headed towards the noble's house that Wendy taught me.

CHAPTER 16

COLLECTOR

What I found when I went towards the place that she taught me, was a splendid residence.

Unlike the inn and the guild, this big and beautiful white house has a spacious garden attached to it and the shrubbery is well maintained.

While thinking that this house has this and that, I call the gatekeeper that is guarding the gate with the design of a ivy.

“I’m an adventurer. I have brought a rare item for Coru Unsu-san, could you pass the message?”

“Coru-sama is not currently at home. You will have to come again”

What did you say? My enthusiasm has been killed.

But, there is nothing to be done if there isn’t someone. Though I don’t understand the work of a noble, but from what I heard, he has to be really busy administering the town.

When I asked about the time he would return, he gatekeeper said that he didn’t know.

It can’t be helped, let’s come again when I am free. Even though I’m always free most of the time.

“No, this is really clever. I ended up seeing something unworthy of my age”

“Fufu, uncle-sama has even formed rows in the front with the little children to see it. It had to be really interesting”

“Hahhahha, it was a little embarrassing. But did it not seemed as if the doll were alive? I liked seeing those types of performances for a long time. If I had not been born as a noble, I’m sure I would have been an actor”

When I was about to turn back, I heard the voice of a man and a woman.

When I turn around, a middle-aged man dressed with a nice attire and a young woman were standing side by side.

“Oh, it could be a guest?”

After seeing me, the man asks.

“A guest... Then, that means that you are Coru Unsu-san?”

“That’s right. As expected, you have business with me? Although I’m sure that I haven’t made any promises, what it is?”

“Hm, I’m an adventurer, and I have been told that you were collecting rare items. I have found——”

“Ooh! You have brought something! Since nothing has arrived lately, I was itching to do something! Hahhahha, I’m lucky, and for that to be the moment when I returned. Now now, come in”

After the noble with a short mustache said that with a big voice, I was guided to the gate.

But the guard blocked the road in panic.

“Please wait a minute, Coru-sama! Even if this man says something like that, he has not taken out anything to prove his identity. Please don’t be so impatient, please wait for a moment”

“It’s alright, it’s alright. I am confident that my eyes are able to discern an adventurer”

Coru-Ansu hits his thick chest with his fist with an improper smile.

And I thought he would have a considerably dignity. The gatekeeper was raising his eyebrows making the ノ character.

“...But, didn’t a merchant lie the other day to enter into the residence?”

“Mu? Fumu, I’m sure that something like that happened, but, well, isn’t alright? That

means that the merchant was also enthusiastic to enter! Hahhahha!"

...Is this ok?

Well, I'm feeling relieved that this uncle looks so easy going.

If it was the kind of noble that is strict or proud, my nerves would have worn out, I was little afraid of not knowing what to do.

"It's alright, gatekeeper. I remember the face of this adventurer"

I was feeling relieved seeing their exchange of words of those two in front of me. Suddenly, the woman who had come with Coru joined.

"Hey, Eiji-sama"

She was grinning.

Suddenly I was taken aback, startled I nodded.

"Ah, yes. I'm Eiji. That's my name. Ah, that's right, here it is my guild card——"

Even though I didn't know if this would work as an identification paper, when I let the gatekeeper see it, he nodded.

But then, I have a hunch that for what the noble woman said before I presented the card, it was already ok.

When the gatekeeper gives out the ok, again he stares me at my eyes and then he laughs.

"Now you can enter freely"

"Yes, thank you. By the way, why do you know about me?"

"It happens that I've also gone to the adventurers guild. At that time, even if it was a little, I was able to see you. It seems that you are a rookie with great expectations"

"No, it's not like I'm so strong..."

That a beauty tells me, it makes me feel embarrassed.

Eh, adventurers guild?

“Did you go to the adventurers guild to make a request?”

“No”

“Then... Eh, it can be that. Are you an adventurer? You too?”

“Yes. I’m called Ally-Duo. Pleased to make your acquaintance, Eiji-sama”

Ally bowed with an elegant gesture.

“Hohou, this is really wonderful”

I, who was invited to the residence, was lead to the reception room.

Surrounded by a massive dark brown table, Coru, Ally, and I were sitting in a fine sofa.

Inside the room, a sword and a helmet, decorations, a doll with a weird face, a plant with twisted petals, and many other things. Various goods are lined up.

It doesn’t seem to be false the history of his strange tastes.

What Coru is seeing is the blue jewel, the orb fang of the Cocytus Wolf.

He puts on thin gloves, to feel the material and feel the quality while making sure that he don’t soil it. And yet, I touched it bare-handed to my heart’s content. I’m absolutely sure that it has grease among other things.

“It has a pretty blue color. So this is the reason why there was a commotion at that time”

Ally who was looking at the jewel in the hands of Coru, diverts his gaze to me.

“Though it’s embarrassing to be told that has become a commotion, but you are right, it’s from that time”

“Everyone was surprised. A unnamed rookie defeated the Cocytus Wolf”

“No, it wasn’t so much. I’m sorry for not having noticed Ally-san.”

When I said this apologizing, Ally shakes her head.

“Please, don’t be worried. It’s not like I go so often, and neither it was so important”

I’m also feeling guilty.

It was a waste to not see this kind of person.

It may be a jet black color like of a raven? She has a beautiful long black hair, only by seeing it you would feel surprised.

Just by looking her face filled with a calm expression, it would calm and heal your heart. You could feel acutely things like tolerance or affection.

If you feel like looking at her face for a long time, then even if you are tired, when you look at her face, you would feel again full of spirit. Such feeling.

“What has happened? You have been staring my face”

“Nn-no, it’s nothing. Ahaha. Leaving that aside, it’s little unexpected for a noble to be an adventurer. Even if I didn’t know much about nobles, I didn’t have that sort of image”

“Fufu, they often tell me that. Actually, it’s something unusual. Even among my acquaintances there aren’t people like that”

“It’s like you said! There aren’t nobles like Ally!”

The one who raised their voice was Coru.

Before I knew it, he placed the jewel on a cloth above the table.

“I have to say it, this is an splendid gem. Even so, you can only obtain this kind of thing thanks to the efforts of all the adventurers, it’s really good that there aren’t many nobles becoming splendid adventurers. Even my son, I told him that it would better for him to be sitting at desk than doing something so dangerous. Seriously, in spite of being youngsters they don’t follow the trend. It would be better if Ally behaved like a girl, you know”

Coru poked Ally's cheek with his hand, Ally grabbed that hand with her two hands.

What an intimate uncle and niece, I'm really envious.

"Uncle-sama, if you say those kind of things, Rangu-sama will be sad"

"Hmph, it's alright. That stubborn person. However, I'm glad that you are interested even if its only you, Ally. Thanks to that, we can met often in this way. I can see the lively face of Ally, I can hear how my sister is doing. I'm really glad that you come. ...Oh, that's right. I was able to determine the worth of this jewel"

Well then, for how much he will buy it.

But the number that Coru said was, 3 gold coins... Wait, gold coins!? It's not silver or light silver!?

I did not think they were going to give so much for only one gem, so I immediately answered with an agreement. We made the contract before he changes his mind.

The collector and I, we're both satisfied. The dealing for this one item is finished.

CHAPTER 17

ALLY=DUO

Very pleased, I began to eat baked sweets that were like madeleines that they brought.

The moment I bit it, it was overflowing with butter, but even so, it was delicious. The oil and sugar is a delicious combination, that is the truth of the world.

“This sweet it’s delicious, and the tea has a very good aroma”

“Oh, Eiji-sama also likes it? I’m the same. My friends always tell me things like it’s very sweet or that it has so much oil, but that is what makes it so good. What is delicious in this town, is in the main street...”

Ally also began talking happily about sweets, maybe she was happy that her number of comrades has increased that she taught me the shops where they sell delicious sweets.

Coru-sama who was at the side joined the conversation talking about the appraisal of the short sword.

“Fuumu, it’s beautiful, this is shining with an unusual strength. This is not silver, it may be the brightness of platinum? Moreover, this light is the one from when it’s bathed in magic. Thought the tip is bent, this may be something used in ceremonies or the like, perhaps. Allow me to also buy this”

“It will be a pleasure”

It is very helpful that he is a reasonable person.

While I was immersed in my thoughts, a white hand came from the side.

“Uncle-sama, it’s alright if I also see it?”

“Aah, of course. Eiji-kun, you don’t mind?”

When I answered with an ‘Of course’, Ally nodded and then grabbed the short sword.

Ally was taking a good look at the short sword with earnestly in her eyes, then after looking carefully at it from variety of angles, she slowly lowered the short sword.

Then, with a look in which has disappeared completely her smile, she stared at Coru and said decisively.

“Uncle-sama, I have ended up liking this”

With a resolutely face, she turned her neck towards my direction.

“Eiji-sama, I’ll pay you 30% more than what my uncle-sama would give you. Please, you wouldn’t hand over to me?”

Eh, you ended up liking it so much?

What I can do, even if you say 30% more... When I give out a quick glance towards Coru, he opened greatly his mouth in haste.

“Wait, Ally! I was the one who had an eye on it first!”

“Fufu, uncle-sama. We are in a world where the one who sleeps loses, it doesn’t matter if you are first or not. The one who obtain this for the higher amount is the one who is greater”

“Aah, saying such words, Ally you’re... That’s not good, I’m the one Eiji-kun came to sell things”

Coru also objects.

This is a fight without honor and humanity between relatives.

If you are surrounded with people similar to you, you will end arguing.

Frankly, as I don’t want to end up involved, I’m only going to remain as spectator.

“Uncle-sama, the next month it’s my birthday”

“Uu”

Ally concentrated all her attention towards the short mustache on the face of Coru.

As if Ally was at loss for words, she wipes her sweat.

“I think that the one who made the gift for the wedding anniversary of uncle-sama and aunt-sama was me, isn’t that right?”

“Kuu... It’s my loss. Alright! I will buy this for you as a gift!”

“Eeh? No, you don’t have to go so far, it’s enough if you only pass to me the right to buy it. If I make you do all that, I will feel guilty”

Even though Ally looked troubled, Coru refuses with determination.

“No, I cannot do such thing in the birthday of my lovely niece. It’s your birthday present. I was thinking that this could also be a commemorative gift for your quickly growth as an adventurer. This is the so called filial piety, so accept it without worries”

“Uncle Coru-sama... Thank you!”

Clinging to each other, Ally who was being embraced by Coru’s arm was with a smile.

Seeing that, Coru’s eyes were watery.

Uwaa, so sweet.

Even if you say that your niece is cute, she already has a such good age, buying these kind of things as a gift, oh dear, this is a hopeless uncle.

...I understand that I absolutely don’t have the qualifications to say such things, yes, I’m aware. This is that type of conversation, ‘You, indeed, what were you doing a such good age?’ Yes, that type of conversation. I’m sorry.

But well, even if she isn’t a child, you wouldn’t have interest towards about the favorite adventures of your son, and that only leaves you with Ally, so it’s not like I don’t understand that him came to like a lot his niece.

Nevertheless, I’m envious... They are so close to each other.

Well, thought such event happened, I was able to sell my two treasures without any problems. I was able to obtain eight gold coins.

After leaving behind Coru's residence completely satisfied, I greeted the gatekeeper and left through the door.

“Wait a second, Eiji-sama”

After hearing a clearly voice I stopped my foot and I turned around, there Ally came to me trotting.

“What happened?”

“This——Sweets. Please, eat them in the inn”

She passed me a package, and I grabbed it as if I were wrapping my hand.

“Thank you. I will use that short sword with great care”

“It's me who should say it——!”

It's not like I was surprised by how smooth is Ally's skin.

Of course, there is a bit of that but, I was surprised because I used parasite with her.

After hearing the she is an adventurer, to satisfy my own curiosity I tried using the parasite skill, so I was able to find about what is her class with 【Parasite • Info】 effect. And her class was

【Spirit User】 38

【Enchanter】 35

Though I parasitized many people with my ability until now, there was no one who had a second class.

Moreover, she is the one who has the highest level until now. Among all adventurers I know the highest was in the level 20, and they were overwhelming.

And look at her, this person.

It's unthinkable to think that this is only a hobby of this noble, it isn't she the most powerful person among the adventurers that are now in this town?

“What happen?”

“Ah, nothing, thank you. Um, no, bye”

“Good bye. I’m looking forward to the next time we meet”

To not let her realize my shaking, I left.

In my way of going back to the inn, my head was full of thinking about who she was.

And when I return to the inn, when I open the wrapped package, along with those delicious sweets, it also had a letter. No, this can’t be called a letter. It would better to say that it’s a memo.

[Tomorrow, five o’clock, at the north gate]

CHAPTER 18

LET'S FINISH SHOPPING WHILE IT'S COOL IN THE MORNING

The next morning after I left the Coru=Unsu residence.

What business could Ally=Duo have with me?

Though I'm curious about it, I will have to wait until the afternoon.

So I decided to shop to kill time until it is the agreed time.

After seeing the others adventurers I realized, I'm poorly equipped.

Also, I don't have many tools.

Even though I don't know to what extent I will be active in the guild from now on, it's not a bad choice to replace my equipment.

Above all, yesterday I have gained a considerable amount of money, and it will continue to flow in everyday since I have that skill, so I will use the money without holding back.

“Ah, that is—”

There were a lot of shops side by side aimed for the adventurers, mercenaries and the like. When I went towards a section called Iron Block, what I found there, was the figure of Veil, and it seems that she came to buy something like me.

Naturally we decided to do the shopping together and when I said that I wanted to buy a weapon, Veil recommended me and introduced me to a weapons shop, so I went in.

“It's really good that they were so generous, that noble called Coru=Unsu. I'm sure that Veil also knows him, the one who buys rare things”

“Of course. It was delicious thought it was only one time when he bought something

from me”

“However, I’m a little worried. If so many adventurers going to him for his generosity and making their own price, then will he not run out of money? There were many things in that place”

“Ahaha, isn’t that right? He still has a considerable sum of money, and it’s not like it’s common to find so many rare things that could pass his appraisal, and it’s more, I have heard the story that it’s also his objective to pass money to others. Instead of piling up the money for himself, it would be better if he pass the money to good adventurers so the adventurers would spend money in this town. So if he does that, then there would be other who could profit besides the adventurers. He obtains the rare items he want, the adventurers obtain the necessary items they want and the shops earn money. Everyone makes a profit, and in the end, it would bounce around this town from one place to another, making it abundant”

Contrary to what I have thought, this isn’t only a good uncle with good intentions, it seems that he thought about it considerably.

Even though it makes the face of a kind hearted person, but he is really a full fledged person.

Then, let’s help with that.

As planned, I thought about buying goods with the money from the deal, so I went to pick a weapon to my liking.

Inside the weapons shop and the protector shop, it was overflowing with different types of equipment, a sword and a spear, a bow and a axe, a helmet and a shield with a cloak, etc. The equipment was lined up one after another, so it was a magnificent view.

It’s because I have never seen this type of scene where so many weapons are side by side.

If an earthquake occurs, then every sword from shelves would fall down, and if that happens... Ooh, scary.

Let’s see, there are many things but what should I buy?

Judging from my current combat style until now, the standard are the physical attacks, but then I feel that the speed type is also important, I even use magic now and then.

I have the classes swordsman and hunter so perhaps it would be ok to have a sword and a bow, but I can make long range distance attacks with the magic, so I don't know if I need to equip a bow.

So that leaves swords in the first place of what I need.

That's why I decided to examine the swords in the corner with all my focus.

A thick and heavy sword, even the sword guard is carefully elaborated, the blade of this sword is of a vivid brilliant red. Indeed, this sword has the feeling of being an orthodox sword.

Even though I grabbed various swords with my hands, I still cannot tell if those are of good quality or not. I can only tell to the extent that if it would be difficult to use only if its heavy or big and filling it with magic.

It's considerably difficult to realize that if the quality of the blade's edge is good or not. It would be good to buy it for the time being if the price is high?

“Hmmm, Eiji likes this sword?”

At that moment, Veil was looking from my side at the sword that I'm holding.

“Yes, this may be the one that suits me. But for many number of reasons I'm hesitating”

“At least, the sword that you are right now holding it's completely useless, It was made half-heartedly. You should be able to discern between such things”

“Veil, you understand?”

To my words, Veil ends up glaring at me.

And then, while she waves her finger in front of my nose, she said.

“Have you forgotten? I'm a former blacksmith”

“Ah. That's right, I remember having heard that before”

Veil lets out a magnificent sigh.

“Remember that, seriously. Because, I even remember that Eiji was a neet”

“It’s fine if you forget that”

Leaving aside the part of me being a neet, it’s good news to know that Veil was a former blacksmith.

Immediately, I tried asking her if there wasn’t a sword easy to handle and with good appearance.

Then, Veil gave me an explanation about how to choose a weapon on my own .

According to her, the weapons of this world are not so simple that they only serve to attack. They have special effects that can raise your magical power, agility, magic attack or others abilities. There are equipment that when you equip them, they can give you effects similar to the skills, and there are even weapons that are filled with magic power and the like. It seems that there is a lot of variety.

That type of special weapons are of course rare, and It seems that there aren’t sold so often in ordinary weapons shops.

As result of both of us seeing a variety of weapons, I ended up buying a black silver sword that also has agility magic, and as my request was fulfilled in a certain shop that Veil had recommended me, the sharpness was top class, and its durability was also good.

No matter how much the weapon excels in offensive power, if it’s not durable, then it’s not good. That’s the number one belief of Veil.

Now follows the protector, she recommended me that if I had a style of evading rather than enduring, then rather than buy the average armor and helmet, it would better to buy an ornament loaded with magic, so I ended up buying a talisman, and it seems that it obstructs the invocation of magic when your protector is hardened.

That’s why the mages are always lightly dressed. Since I am skilled in magic and physical attacks, then I also should be lightly dressed.

Rather than shoes and clothes that are suited for combat, I ended up buying mostly

things to endure the exploration in forests and dungeons. Because I would have problems if suddenly my casual wear were to be tattered.

Then, a rope, a lamp and portable food, and also potions and recovery medicine for stamina and magic power and so on. I have also buy everything necessary for day the day of the adventurer.

I bought it all in one breath, and I ended without money in a breath... Well, I didn't spent everything but my money has decreased considerably. Because I used almost 6 gold coins, the profit of the deal that I made with the noble is almost gone. The recovery medicines were too expensive, leaving aside the ordinary medicines, the one that heals your wounds immediately are loaded with magic so depending on its effect, they can be quite expensive.

However, I think I have made a correct investment for my future profits with the profits I have earned. Besides, when tomorrow morning comes, I will have money with **【Parasite • Gold】**.

Now I can make the money I earn with **【Parasite Gold】** appear in other places like my space bag rather than near my bed.

I'm a bit reluctant to let the money be naked beside my bed, so I'm relieved now.

Moreover, the space of the space bag has increased considerably since I got it.

It seems that it's related to my attributes.

I think that maybe it's because my magic power or my magic attack increased that the amount of things I can put in. Now that I can put a considerable amount of things, it has become something really convenient.

“Fuu, you've bought many things—. It's good to be generous, isn't that right?”

When we left the second-hand shop towards the street, Veil looked towards the sky with a refreshing expression.

As if it were enticed to do so, I also looked towards the floating clouds.

“Veil-sama, thank you. Thanks for joining me to look for a weapon, you really helped me recommending me a shop where I can buy tools for cheap and good quality. And

above all, you even taught me how and at what time are necessary to use them”

“Fufufu, now when Eiji rank increases, I can say that I raised you. If you want, you can ask me for even more advices”

She jokingly pointed to her chest with her thumb, but it is true that she was a great help.

It's true that I don't have the head with things related to the adventurer. I have even received experience for the mercenary class from Veil.

“Yes, thank you”

“You can leave it to me! ...Um, I'm seriously saying that you can rely on me? Even if I don't have the strength, I can teach you many things, we can even do request together. Rather, even if it isn't related to the adventurers guild, things like shopping together, that's not something that I hate, uhh... that sort of things!”

This is new, that Veil isn't able to speak clearly.

“That's right, it's not like I'm doing always requests, I enjoyed buying much more than coming here alone to buy for my own. This kind of things are also good”

“Yes, you're right! Yes!”

Veil nodded greatly with a smile as if a flower had bloomed.

And then she softly put her hand over my shoulder.

“You can always count with me, I will always accompany you. Always. Ah, that's right, it's not good if you don't know the place. My house is in——”

After marking with a ○ her home on the map, she passed it to me. I also taught Veil where is the inn where I'm staying.

“If this is hard to understand, we can always met in the adventurer's guild because now and then I'm there. You can even make Wendy guide you. Because she would be happy if she had an excuse to skip work”

“Ahaha, if Wendy had heard that, she would be angry”

“Fufuu... Hey, after this, can we go together somewhere for a bit longer? Today especially, I don’t have any request, so now that we have the chance”

As if Veil were again a little indecisive, she said that while turning her eyes away from me.

I nodded, but then I stopped my head.

“I’m sorry, Veil. I have made a promise after this. So until it is time agreed I came here to this block to buy things. So that’s why I forget the time, now I have to go”

“Ah... It is so”

The moment I rejected her, my face caught quickly her eyes that were turned away.

“If you have something to do, it can’t be helped. Yes, it can’t be helped. It’s not like Eiji is the one in wrong here, it doesn’t matter, because I will going to do some request that are suited for me. Yes, I’m really going to do that so you don’t have to worry about me, only because you rejected me. I don’t care at all, yes, I don’t care. So, you don’t have be worried at all”

If you repeat many times that you don’t care, rather I will be the one who is worried!?

Then, what happens with the Veil-san that says that she don’t care?

While thinking, Veil suddenly started to laugh.

Realizing that, I loosened my shoulders.

“You were a bit worried?”

“...I worried a lot. Sigh, please stop that Veil, my weak heart wouldn’t be able to take that”

“I’m sorry, I’m sorry. I only wanted to see your troubled face for a moment. We can always met so I’m not worried about today, it’s alright, moreover it’s likely that we will meet more often. Then, bye, Eiji. Bye-Bye”

“Ah, bye! You really helped me today!”

Wave back to Veil who was waving greatly, then I separated from her.

In a place beyond the reach of the views of others, the baggage that I have bought, I put it in the space bag, and then I went towards the agreed north gate.

CHAPTER 19

PAIENNE LABYRINTH EXPLORATION

What could be the business that the noble and adventurer Ally=Duo has with me?

If I didn't know anything, then I would have thought that she was inviting me to a date, but because I ended up seeing her class and level, I started thinking that maybe she has an ulterior motive. Rather, it has to be that for sure. It is impossible for such a delightful story to happen to me.

But, even if that it's true, now it emerges my curiosity of wanting to know what it could be that she wants.

What on the earth could the top class adventurer want with me?

While embracing such thought, I ended walking until Laurel's north gate, and just in time, the bell rang marking the five o'clock.

And at that time, a shadow showed up from behind a pillar, speaking to me.

“Thank god, you came”

As expected, it was Ally=Duo.

But—.

“Of course I came. But I was a little surprised. Your impression is different from yesterday”

Ally's outfit is completely different from yesterday.

Yesterday, she was wearing an elegant one-piece dress and indeed, she looked like a daughter of a noble, but today she is dressed as an adventurer.

She is wearing a thick and robust pair of undyed shirt and pants, and also custom made boots. After putting her luggage in something similar to a big waist pouch, her beautiful hair that yesterday was loose, was now tied into a pony tail.

Her appearance was as if she were going to explore the jungle, and so at the moment I saw that, I had a rough idea of what she wanted to do.

“Yesterday I was the Ally of the Duo’s family. And today I’m Ally the adventurer, that’s it”

“The reason for why you have called me is—”

“Yes. I thought about wanting to go together with the adventurer called Eiji-sama. If you are going to capture it, then I thought that it would be better to do it together in this way”

“Capture? Not a request from the adventurers guild?”

Ally nods, and then she turned around towards the outside of the gate.

And her gaze was directed towards a place to which I also went before.

“A labyrinth——”

“Yes. The Paienne Labyrinth, a labyrinth surrounded by a lot of mysteries at the northeast of this town. Why does it exist? I’m not yet sure from when it started to exist, but without any doubt, there exists a world not yet known—— It makes you tremble with excitement”

Ally’s voice is lively.

As expected of a person who even thought is a noble is doing of adventurer, it seems that she really likes this.

“Even though I came many times to this town where my uncle-sama is, I’ve still never been into the depths of that labyrinth. But recently I thought that I have accumulated enough strength to some extent, so I wanted to take this chance to set foot into the depths of this world, that’s what I was thinking. That’s why for that reason I thought about joining forces, but I could not find anyone able with the power to withstand the depths, so I was troubled”

Ally talked without stopping, then, after clapping one time, she looked me straight in the eyes.

Uh, this is in other words.

“Perhaps you judged that I——”

“Yes. At that time I learned about Eiji-sama, the new star of the adventurers guild. I wanted to go sometime to the adventurers guild to talk but then, surprisingly, yesterday I met you in front of my uncle’s house. So, I wasn’t longer able to hold back anymore.”

Seeming like she is enjoying herself, Ally shakes her shoulders while laughing.

I have the feeling that she is more lively than she was yesterday. Is it so much fun going to the labyrinth?

The labyrinth?

If you think about that, I remember going there from the first moment I arrived to this Laurel town.

However, until now I have never entered.

I only received the experience of the people who went in.

Actually, what could be in there?

If I care about even one time, I will be extremely curious, so I was tempted to check with my own eyes about what could be inside of the labyrinth.

Moreover, Ally has two classes that I know nothing about, the Spirit User and Enchanter. As she is a powerful person, it’s obvious that the experience that I would win if I got into the labyrinth would be a great amount,

And unlike my first day I different now, I’m sure that I have a decent numbers achievements.

After thinking for a moment, I nodded clearly.

“Let’s go. To tell truth I have never been into the labyrinth. That’s why I have a great interest in knowing what could be inside”

“Is that true! Thank you!”

Ally grabbed my hands and bowed. She used the same gesture as yesterday in this place.

“I’m the one who is relieved, ...By the way, why did you pass me that piece of paper?”

“That paper?”

“You passed to me something yesterday, but not only you did not teach me the place, but neither that we would go to the labyrinth, it would have been better if you’d have told me everything yesterday in that place?”

“Ah, that thing”

After looking at me with her eyes full of mischief, she began to slowly walk towards the labyrinth.

“does it not make you shiver with excitement? Doing it in that way”

After a while, we arrived at the entrance of the Paienne labyrinth.

Though there was an adventurer there, without hesitation, he entered into the big hole on the ground as if he were swallowed.

Ally and I also nodded, and then we entered inside.

The labyrinth, is a place that looks like it was an artificial cave.

Even if it’s formed with soil and rocks, the wall and the ground were flattened, and when you go into the tunnel and then you turn around in a corner, instantly you realize that the cave is indeed different.

Even though it’s a cave, the inside is bright. It feels like the ground and the walls are emitting a faint light, so to some degree I can see forward.

So it seems that inside of a dungeon, thanks to influence of the monsters, the dungeons shines. But it seems there exist dungeons with dark zones that’s why you will get hurt if you relax your guard, and that’s what Ally said.

There are large and wide, small and narrow, with curves, with many paths, some you have to ascend and in other you have to descend. It's organized in such way that there are many tunnels of different shapes overlapping in the labyrinth.

In this labyrinth, while we turn, descend and go towards the side that is expanding, we advance.

“This is good, this type of thing. Just walking makes you improve your mood”

While I was looking at my surroundings, Ally talked to me.

She turned around with her ponytail shaking, she nodded vigorously.

“That's right, that's right, it's like you say. This is one of the few pleasures of the adventurers. A view that you wouldn't be able to see while you are in town”

It's really just like that.

Even if I'm always staying at home, when I go out I have a lot of fun.

But even if I'm aware of that, once you lock yourself at home it becomes troublesome to go out, really, the human being is certainly mysterious. ...No, not the human being, maybe it's just me?

“Ah”

At that moment, something appeared in front of mine, I stopped in my tracks.

It finally came. A monster.

“It seems that a monster has appeared. That's a imp”

What came were imps that has grown winding horns with long and narrow limbs.

While increasing their ‘Kiikii’ cry, in the spacious passage, three imps were approaching us.

I draw the sword from my scabbard off my chest, and I take one step forward.

After putting myself into position, the imps turned their attention to me.

“So they are imps...? Let me do it”

I wanted to test the strength of my new equipment.

How heavy it is, its sharpness and the feeling it has... Let's go.

I kicked the ground and thrusted towards the crowd of imps, and as if they were in panic, the imps folded their legs and after jumping they fell.

I reach the one that had in my eyes, and then I sharply shake the sword.

When the black blade flashes, I was able to easily cut in two the imp with only a sword thrust.

However, I only felt a quite light reaction in my hand. That means that this black silver sword is sharp to that extent. This is good, really good.

“—Now I'm in the mood!”

The remaining imps fired magic arrows.

It seems that these monsters are capable of using magic, but I grasped clearly the traces of the arrows, so I lightly twisted my body and esquive them.

To give them back the favor, I used my own magic arrows, and so I pierced their foreheads.

Now only one remains.

And for the last service, I used 【Boost】 to increase my speed even more, and even though the imp shot an arrow because it seemed to have panicked, so after repelling the arrow with my sword I continued moving forward. Taking advantage of the moment I ended piercing its chest.

After a short groan, the imp fell to the ground.

After surveying my surroundings, I checked again if they are all dead.

Good, it's seems that I have finished.

I was able to confirm that the sharpness of the sword and the power of the magic has increased more than before. It was worth doing a strenuous effort to buy this sword.

Moreover, I understood that I can save plenty of strength when fighting against the monsters in this labyrinth,

Let's explore the labyrinth with spirit.

CHAPTER 20

IT'S DIFFICULT TO GIVE A FRESH IMPRESSION OF SPEAKING

“Unlike the rumors, that sword is sharp”

After I defeat the monsters in the labyrinth, Ally says that to me when I’m catching my breath.

I answered to her while I put the sliver black sword in its scabbard.

“Fortunately, I was able to obtain a brand new weapon”

When I turn my waist to Ally’s direction, Ally brings her hands together in front of his chest, and makes a expression as if she had understood.

The next thing she does is approaching the corpses of the imps.

“It’s possible to take out some raw materials of this monster?”

“Yes. It’s because they have magic accumulated on their horn, that their horn is worth. But it’s seems that other parts of them are not worth it”

“Really? This winding horn?”

Ally takes out a robust knife from what it’s seems to be her luggage bag from her waist, and skillfully cut the horns. When I was also cutting the horns of the imps, I saw Ally putting the horns on her space bag.

So Ally also has one, then as I didn’t need to hide it any more, I also put the horns in my space bag.

It seems that she is carrying the knife in her hand to use it in any time possible. Without putting the sword in the bag, I placed it on my waist.

At once, the collection of the imp’s horns has finished.

“I have finished. Then, let’s continue to advance, Ally-san”

“Eiji-sama, in this place it’s okay even if you don’t speak like that”

“What do yo mean?”

I turned around the foot with which I was walking and then I headed towards Ally. Ally was pointing toward the ceiling with her knife and the imp’s horn.

“We are adventurers. It’s fine even if you talk like adventurers and not respectfully. What I mean is that you can speak to me as normally you do”

Ah, I understand. That’s what you mean.

Somewhat I understood that Ally likes being an adventurer, so she is one of those who would fuss over such things.

I don’t have any special reason to refuse, it’s more, it will be easier and it also will better if we have a smooth communication between us.

“I get it. I like this way much better. Then, let’s talk this way from now on, is that right? Ally”

“Yes. I also like this way. Thank you, Eiji-sama”

Ally raised the corners of his mouth as if she were truly satisfied, and then she put away the knife and the horn.

...Eh, there isn’t something strange going on here?

“Um, Ally. I think you didn’t change the way you speak. It wasn’t the idea to not speak respectfully?”

“Yes. That’s why, like you speak usually. I’m always talking like this, so I’m more comfortable in this way”

Indeed, it doesn’t matter what position the other party has, she will always talk respectfully for the eternity.

So that’s the way that she is more comfortably to speak?

“Ah, but if Eiji-sama feels bad that I don’t accompany you in the way you speak, I can also do it. Even though I’m not accustomed, I remember how to talk thanks to all my experience as an adventurer!”

Ally was laughing with a refreshing smile, while doing a thumbs up.

Something looks off, Ally-san!

“No, it suits better the way that you are always talking, yes”

“Is that right? Though I have a great confidence... But, yes, I’m more comfortably the way I’m always speaking. In that case, again, please treat me well, Eiji-sama”

“Yes, Ally, me too. Then, let’s advance forward”

We were advancing further in the Paienne Labyrinth.

At first, monsters didn’t come out often, but at the same we go even more deeper, their numbers increased. We had encounters with monsters other than Imps, like Laurel Wolves, Ghosts Moles, etc.

But we haven’t encountered a truly powerful monster. We advance as I test the feeling of using the new equipment.

It has a pleasant feeling but then I realized that I haven’t seen how Ally fights.

Judging from her level, she has to be really powerful.

I’ve tested enough my new equipment with the monsters, now I want to see Ally’s strength. Even in the parasitic meaning, I want Ally to defeat monsters.

It happened at that moment when I was thinking like that as we were advancing.

The sounds of footsteps had unexpectedly reached my ears.

A monster?

—No, it’s different. They sounds like footsteps, a human?

When I was half way of grabbing the sword by the hilt, from a corner forward, one,

two, three shadows of a person.

They have a dagger and staff, and same as us, they are adventurers exploring the labyrinth.

But there was something different from us, and that was that they were considerably injured and worn out.

CHAPTER 21

RED ZONE

“Ooh... we are saved. I didn’t know what to do if they were monsters”

“Are you alright!?”

Ally and I rushed up to the four adventurers.

The four were injured and the only difference between them was the how much they were injured. The most injured seems to have broken their foot, and was able to come up here in that condition while using the shoulder of one of his friends.

The person who is lending the shoulder has been dyed in red blood because a cut on his forehead.

“We are not so well. I’m sorry but don’t you have a healing medicine? We have already used all”

“Yes, I have. Please!”

Ally and I draw from ours space bag the medicine.

If I use the 【Healing hand】 that I have learned from the Shinto Priest class, I can cure specially any serious injuries.

Even though it’s an excellent ability that let me use magic to cure any injuries quickly, it has the nature of making the effect decrease the more you use it, so perhaps it may not have much effect on them now.

But even so, I was able to cure them to some degree,

While thinking it would be difficult to completely cure them I continued treating them, but then, the adventurer’s leader came to stop our treatment.

“Thank you, this is enough”

But even if he says that, it's not like they were completely cured.

We asked him if it wouldn't be better if we heal them more, but the man shook his head.

"Just having done this it's enough for us to return by ourselves. This is the first layer. Right?"

When the man asks to his adventurer's friends, the adventurers that were sitting on the ground, even though they were extremely tired, everyone nodded.

"You two will are going inside? If it's so, please leave something for us. If not, I will cry"

"Ah, that's right. We are going to the place where you were defeated"

"It's not like we have so much time to spare—"

After the man finished talking, now the others adventurers continued talking.

Even though they have a splendid injury they have guts, as expected of—Wait, what it's dangerous is what it's ahead. Saying things like they don't want to be healed, rather, I'm starting to be a little afraid.

"Um, it's really dangerous what lies ahead?"

"It's dangerous"

A immediate reply.

"If you continue advancing from here, what lies ahead is the second layer of the labyrinth. Thought we tried to challenge it, it was still too early for us. We were trashed, we barely escaped with our lives to the first layer. We thought that because the first layer was easy that we had a chance, but I was wrong"

The man turns around towards the place he came with a bitter face, but as if the others adventurers didn't want to remember they didn't turn around.

"So, please think about your safety. It's thanks to you that we could recover the enough to barely return. If we rest a little, it will be enough to be a match for the monsters in this layer. It will be enough with this as thanks?"

The man takes out money.

—But, Ally quickly stopped him.

“Such thing is not necessary. Because this was an emergency”

“But, the medicine that you gave us it wasn’t free for you, isn’t that right?”

“We are adventurers as you, if there is an emergency then it’s obvious to help each other. This is one way of maintaining everyone a safe even if it’s a little. We are equal, so you don’t have to worry”

That’s right.

If we join hands in the face of danger, then as comrades in the same profession it’s not good if you don’t help each other.

To Ally’s word, I also talked.

“That’s right. But if you still want to pay us, then you only have to help us if you find us in trouble. That’s what I would most appreciate”

“You... There are not many people like you. Though it was a misfortune being defeated by monsters, it was a fortune to be able to meet all of you. I’m indebted”

The man looked as if he was impressed.

If I’m frank, I thought it was a little wasteful, but, well, let’s not say something so stingy.

Thus, we were about to go after finished the treatment, but the one with the shallowest injury, the female adventurer opened her mouth.

“It will be probably ok, they still look full of energy. Hey, you all”

“Yes, we still have considerable strength to spare, so we have the intention to go a little deeper”

“Yes, yes, as I assumed. I wonder if unlike us, your way of training is different to us, you look as if you were a considerably resourceful person. Your posture is far from normal, it seems to be that of an expert. At glance, you look full of gaps and also seems

to be absent-minded, but the feeling is the opposite”

But I believe that I’m always absent-minded.

However, the female adventurer directs her gaze towards me and nods in admiration.

“Yes, yes, I’m sure they are going to be fine. Besides, there was someone else who had advanced towards the second layer”

“Towards such dangerous place alone?”

The female adventurer nods.

“Ahaha... Far from being able to go alone, it seems that us who were defeated are the novices. When I asked, the person entered inside as a way of training to get used to his/her strength, isn’t that amazing?”

“Really? There is such a person?”

“If were me, I would be so scared that would have been impossible”

The female adventurer stuck out his tongue jokingly and said “Then, be careful, especially against the ogres that defeated us. Thank you” and then she waved her hands as she was glued to the floor.

We too said goodbye to the adventurers and then we continued advancing further.

Immediately, the long passage changes and now we have to descend, the road gradually begins to darken making it seem that it will continue forever descending.

While we were descending, I asked Ally.

“The deeper we go, the more it will change?”

“Yes, and it will also increase the monster’s strength. But even so, it will increase the chances to find something good. Because if there are strong monsters, then that means that the dungeon it’s filled with an magic element, and therefore it’s likely that the tools are inside the dungeon are filled with a strong power. But if you defeated the Cocytus Wolf, then you will be alright”

I understand.

Nothing ventured, nothing gained, eh?

Thought I was a little uneasy, Ally said knowing my achievements that I would be ok, so for me it wasn't yet a dangerous place.

Then, it will be alright to move forward? Even if this were really a tiger's den and what is there is only a tiger cub, even so I want to give up and turn back. Of course, I'm that type of person—Wow.

“It's amazing”

Suddenly, and unexpected spacious room appeared.

It's likely that to the ceiling there are at least dozens of meters, and in all directions, the diameter is so wide that you can't see the end of the room.

—It's so wide that it's not like you can see the end.

There, are standing stone pillars everywhere, and they are so wide that they act as walls, so it's impossible to see completely the inside.

There are also stone pillars like they were trees and shrubs, so this place is as it were a jungle.

“This is the second layer of the Paienne Labyrinth. The visibility and mobility are obstructed, the monsters will be powerful in their home. But we'll be fine, let's advance without relaxing our guard”

I brace myself after hearing Ally's words, then we move even more further leaving behind stone pillars as we walk.

The second layer of the Paienne Labyrinth.

Immediately after continuing advancing through the jungle of stones like layer, we heard again footsteps.

But this time, is evidently that is not from a human. But that sound is the one that is emitted by something that has a considerable mass.

Immediately after having taken a stance as the sound was approaching, what appeared from the stone wall was an ogre that was covered densely in hair, and it didn't lose even with the height of the many stone pillars.

Though I don't know what exactly is, it has a gigantic femur as a club in its hand.

"Ally, Ally. This monsters it's completely different from the others in the first layer, this monster"

"It's like those adventurers said, they are in a completely different league"

No, they clearly said that, but, isn't it the norm to advance with small steps?

This has the same feel as when you start fighting in the surroundings of the village at the beginning of a game and suddenly dungeons filled with monsters appears.

But contrary to me who was completely on guard, Ally remained completely on calm.

"This is an ogre"

"A ogre, that's what the others said"

"Yes. Though I remember that the monsters in this layer are strong... Let me handle this place, Eiji-sama"

"You? Don't tell me, alone?"

"Yes. I wanted to see the fighting figure of Eiji-sama in the first layer so I held back and left all the hard work to you. It's about time for me to work, isn't that right?"

Ally quietly approaches the ogre.

She will be alright? From what I see, she doesn't seem to be extremely strong.

"【Magic enhancement】"

Along with her voice, Ally's body is wrapped for an instant in light.

That skill is really similar to the enchanter skill, perhaps it's a type of skill that improves your magical power.

That she has raised her voice, it must be to let know to her comrades what type of skill is she using, if it's a strengthening type or a weakening. Thought you said that you were going to handle it, please stick to the basics.

Ally who used the skill approached even more towards the ogre.

The ogre howls recognizing Ally as its prey, then it raised the bone club.

“Spirit Gnome-sama, please come”

The club is swung downwards.

However, it was stopped by the appearance of a wall of earth.

Ally slowly rotates her finger making a circle, then the wall started to move by itself, and not only stopped the club, also It started to return it.

The ogre began to retreats gradually while its arm starts to shake.

While Ally directs a calm glance, she muttered.

“Well then, please pierce it”

Half of the wall of earth changes of shape, and began to condense, until it becomes a stake of rock.

Then, it was easily pushed from the wall penetrating the the staggering ogre's chest.

Hyuuu... With a groan the ogre started to collapse onto the stone pillar while from the hole on its chest blood together with the sound of the wind began to sprout out.

When Ally turns around, a smile is slowly formed in her face.

“It has been settled, Eiji-sama. Well, let's advance further”

As I was overwhelmed, I nodded silently.

Thought I was already aware that she was strong, it seems that Ally is more skilled than what I thought.

Without moving even an eyebrow, she ended defeating easily the ogre.

“What you just did, is Ally’s special technique?”

“Yes, I fight borrowing the power of the spirits. Just now, I called the spirit that rules the earth, Gnome. Thank you very much for earlier, Gnome-sama”

Ally directs her face to her side looking at the sky and when she spoke, in an instant, the fairy that looked like a mole, appeared dimly and then disappeared. So that one is Gnome?

“It’s something like the magic of a mage?”

“Basically they resemble. But what’s different is that the spirits rule the power of the nature, so a spirit user like me mainly uses a magic that manipulates the nature, while a mage mainly uses the magic power as it is. I often use Gnome, the spirit that resides in the ground and Sylph, the spirit of the wind”

【Spirit user 3→5】

【SkillSpirit Magic has been obtained】

【Enchanter 3→6】

【SkillMagic enhacement and Attack enhacement has been obtained】

Just at that time, I was informed of my level up.

Because Ally defeated a powerful enemy in the second layer that I leveled up in one go. Moreover, I have defeated four monsters, you know? It was worth coming here. If I rejected her, Ally also could have stopped the exploration.

By the way, why I leveled up in such simple way was because I climbed one more layer.

The energy that I obtain when I defeat monsters, in other words, something like experience, it goes towards the person who defeated it, but it seems that to some degree the little that is scattered is divided between the fellow travelers.

Therefore, the energy that Ally obtained from the monsters I defeated in the first layer, it also came to me thanks to the power of the parasite skill, A mysterious cycle.

“It’s useful, the power of the spirits. I will count on you”

“Please don’t hold back and rely on me to your heart contents”

Ally and I saying jokingly, then we began the exploration in the second layer.

CHAPTER 22

PARASITE VISION

After defeating the monsters in one strike, Ally and I continued exploring the second layer.

Excited by the extremely rare view, we continue advancing while looking up the stone pillars, but suddenly the atmosphere changed.

It was as if the viscosity of the air changed, that type of sensation attacked me.

Perplexed by that mysterious feeling, thinking that if Ally had realized, I turn my head and I asked her.

Then, Ally does the same and gives a small nod.

“So, Ally also had felt it”

“Yes. Perhaps, it’s because of that”

The direction in which Ally pointed, there was a large hole open in the ground.

“There is a monster by far stronger ahead in that place than others places. A place filled with magic element, a frightening and dangerous”

“You make it sound too scary. Can you teach me as reference to what extent is dangerous”

When I try to approach, the heavy feeling strengthens. Thinking what could be the true colors of this hole, I peep inside, then Ally speak in low voice.

“Are you aware of the story that the best skilled adventurer is a C-rank adventurer?”

“Yes, I think I’ve heard”

“Before the B-rank adventurers were the top. But now the C-rank is the top. If it’s Eiji-sama, you should have already understood what I’m saying”

“It can be that here, a B-rank adventurer was defeated...”

“That’s right”

Wait, wait a second.

If you say that a B-rank died, then that isn’t normally bad?

I’m sure that there is a story where I have defeated a Cocytus Wolf in the middle of my C-rank subjugation request. In one side, this is a world where B-rank adventurers die often, and that means that the average of adventurers are at least A-rank, that isn’t two ranks above me?

I’m aware that I have power that surpasses a C-rank adventurer, but even so I don’t have any proof that I would be able to reach A-rank. On the contrary, even if they say that a B-rank was defeated, nobody said that an A-rank adventurer would be able to defeat the monsters of this place, because there is the possibility that something even more dangerous would appear.

“Ally, I was thinking that this place is indeed really dangerous”

“I agree. Of course, we aren’t going there”

That was unexpected.

Because you said that you were aiming to the depths that I thought that you wanted to explore it.

But when I hear in details, it seems that here is a dead end, a place where leads to nowhere. So if you are caught in a trap inside of the dungeon, you would end transported inside of this dangerous corridor.

Even though there exists a frightening trap, now I understood to some degree about the different dangerous places, so even if there is some unknown trap I have the detection skill with me.

I have even Ally who is able to hear the voice of the spirits, and if it’s me now, I can perceive the spirits, and don’t forget that I also have the thief class.

Because what I’m feeling right now it’s an unpleasant sensation making the air heavy,

is that I know that there is a trap here, so as long as I'm not distracted I can continue with my exploration without any problem.

"It was a little unexpected. I thought that if it was Ally, you would say something like wanting to test your strength, so I was nervous"

"Thought I have curiosity to the unknown, I'm not so reckless. Thought I turned back after reaching the third layer, it seem that in this place are wandering monsters even stronger than in the third layer. If the last time that was my limit, then I wouldn't go towards a even more dangerous place. I'm the type that climbs the stairs one step at time"

"That type of personality it fits you better. ...From what I can see, it seems that there isn't anything"

I tried to peep the inside from the entrance of the hole.

Of course, I don't want to cross over a dangerous bridge, but if you tell me that is a dangerous bridge to the point you can die, then you would want to see it even if it is just a glance.

Even if I peep inside, I didn't felt any presence or saw the figure of a monster.

In that is the case, it would be okay to enter if it's only a little~.

"If it's only a little I think it would be okay to enter. In short, it would be okay as long as we do not meet a monster"

Ally seemed to get excited, so driven by our curiosity we enter into the hole. While observing our surroundings to the maximum, always taking into account the entrance, we are ready to run the moment of seeing something.

What made us want to come to this place was because this is a peculiar place.

It was obviously constructed in a different way to the surroundings, a hollow corridor as if it were the inside of a hollow tree. The floor, walls and ceiling that were constructed with an arch shape, was dyed with a red blood color as if it were flesh blood.

The air is also heavy, and from the depths of the corridor an indescribable and

ominous feeling was being drifted in the air.

This has more thrill than a haunted house——What, is that!

What I saw inside of the corridor that it curves gradually, was a lion with a human face attached is a scorpion tail.

That appearance, I remember seeing it before——That's right, it has the same appearance that the monsters called manticore.

With a grin on its face, the manticore showed us the inside of its red mouth that was like blood and then it started to laugh. Making a expression as if we were feeling the danger instinctively. we looked at each other.

“Eiji-sama, let's go back!”

“Agreed!”

At the same time that we started to run so it did the manticore.

Scary! Super scary! That approaching smile is extremely weird!

Even though we were running with all our strength, as can be seen, the manticore is fast.

But, it's fortunate that the manticore isn't chasing us in this straight and deep corridor, we are sav——!?

“Ally, jump to the side!”

While shouting, as if I were carrying Ally's body, I pushed her while I jumped to the side.

The next moment, the manticore invoked its magic, a lump of three magics fly past.

One pulverized the ground, one smashed the ceiling, and one collided against the walls, breaking the red stones and making it rain incessantly.

After the ground had been pulverized, as if a meteorite had fallen, it left a considerable deep and hollow hole.

We continued dashing with all our strength, and before the manticore reached us, we were able to leave the scarlet corridor.

Side by side we placed our hands on our own knees, we breathed deeply and then we adjust our breath.

“Fuu. Thank you, Eiji-sama. We were a step away from death”

“Yes, that wasn’t only a little, it was dangerous. It’s magic power was no joke”

“Moreover... A triple casting, a triple casting! A high-ranking mage can learn a double casting, but that never seen monster is able to surpass easily the majority of the human’s experts. As expected, the dungeon is wide!”

That was what you call firing three types of different magics at the same time? It’s a envious skill!

As expected, I’m attracted for such consecutive magic skill. It seems that even Ally’s tension has gone up, she seems to be an extremely cautious person.

But even if I’m attracted to such an skill, it’s not like I want to see it once more. We were able to escape because there was a curve, so I don’t want to imagine meeting it once more and be shot consecutively.

Let sleeping dogs lie. We move away from that place and then we went to explore other places in the second layer.

“That reminds me, there was something that catched my attention, those monsters that are in that scarlet corridor are not able to escape? Because it’s not like they are locked”

While passing through the gaps of the stone pillars, I asked Ally.

“The monsters that have considerable strength like places with a strong magic element, and that being the case, the magic element is the source of the power and life of the monsters, and at the same time, the source of the mysterious nature of this dungeon. Therefore, being their home a place filled with a magic element, powerful monsters rarely come out”

“I understand, that’s what decides the monster’s living region. If so, then it’s unlikely

for a powerful monster to suddenly come out and cause living hell on earth”

It seems that even the source of the strange power of skills and magic tools is the magic element.

Not only magic, skill that uses stamina also consumes magic element as an source. It's a considerably useful element, but that means that inside of that scarlet corridor lies a strong magic element.

“Oops, this time its normal monsters of the second layer”

While talking we continued advancing and defeating the monsters in our way.

After that, we continued advancing in the second layer, and what awaited us was a nest of big spiders and slugs, there was even a crawling monster of mud. We happened to met a strengthened version of the imp, a great imp and some others monsters.

Those monsters were easily defeated as Ally declared that she would do it.

Even though she used a different spirit than gnome, like sylph, what was cool was the skill that was like a shock wave that she used to smash to atoms the hard monster made of mud.

Even I tried to fight against the monsters in the second layer to test how formidable they were, but I was able to win easily especially against the big spiders.

It seems that I have yet strength to spare.

So even though I was aware that we were in an amazing place, we didn't have any close fights so we continued advancing in the second layer.

【Parasite 24→25】

【SkillParasite • Vision has been obtained】

Oh.

After defeating the big spider I realized that I leveled up many times since I came to this dungeon.

And the skill that I have obtained is——Parasite • Vision?

Because I don't want to let her know anything related with my parasite class is that I didn't use the appraisal lens in front of her, so after trying to guess the effect based on its name, I tried using it.

Then, the figure of those who I had parasitized came to my mind, like when I want to confirm who are parasitized, and from those I chose the closest to me, Ally, who was in my right.

—Ooh.

Simultaneously, a different scenario, different from what I'm seeing now, came inside of my mind.

A view filled with stone pillars one next to the other. The position from where I'm seeing the scenery is a bit to the right a difference from the one I'm seeing with my view, it's like a tv or a movie is projected inside of my eyes.

After all is as I guessed?

I am able to see what the other people parasitized is seeing with the skill that I have obtained.

If I use this, even if is a distant place, I would be able to see it.

I continued seeing the one that I selected, it's a really interesting skill.

While we continue advancing through the cave, I tried using in a casual manner the Parasite • Vision skill.

I began to see in turns the remaining three people which I had parasitized aiming for their classes.

The young hunter, it's in this precise moment staring fixedly at a deer in the forest.

The shaman man, it's in a room somewhere turning the pages of a thick book.

For the end, Veil who has the mercenary class.

In her field of vision, a hollow corridor like the inside of a hollow tree is being projected. The floors, even the walls and the ceiling had a arch shape, and was dyed with a red blood color as if it were flesh blood.

CHAPTER 23

THE NONEXISTENT FOURTH REQUIREMENT

—What?

Surprised, I cut the connection, but then I used the skill once again and obtained Veil's view.

Without any change, from the moment the scarlet corridor was projected, the view continued going downwards.

It has to be a joke.

In disbelief I watched countless times, but no matter how many times I saw it, there was no mistake.

It's impossible to mistake it, this scarlet corridor is the place where that B-rank adventurer lost his life.

But, why is that Veil is in this place?

—It can't be.

(E/N: flashback)-----

“Yes, yes, there is no mistake. It can be that unlike us, they have a different way of training. I don't have any proof, but I'm sure everything will be fine. Moreover there was one person who went alone into the second layer”

“Towards such a dangerous place alone?”

The female adventurer nods.

“Ahaha... Far from being able to go alone, it seems that those who were defeated are the novices. When I asked, the person entered inside as a way of training to get used to her strength, isn't that amazing?”

More than ever I'm reminded of the conversation with those adventurers that we healed.

Then that means that the adventurer she said that went alone was Veil.

She was caught in the middle of her training and fell into a trap.

What's the best thing I could do?

The monsters in that corridor don't have normal strength, and Veil said that she could have been in danger fighting against the Cocytus Wolf, so without doubt she would end up dead.

Should I go to help?

To a place I decided to not enter because it was dangerous?

To a place where I don't have any chance of victory?

Impossible, impossible, it would be dangerous if I fail. Besides, maybe Veil could escape even if I don't go there, it would be better to wait and see how the situation is? Yes, let's do that.

I persuaded myself, and I used the Parasite • Vision once again.

As per usual, the situation didn't change for the better.

Practically, because of an injury Veil wasn't able to move so much. Always watching the front and the back without rest, or it may simply be that she is scared, making her field of vision to move ceaselessly.

Or it could be that because there are monsters nearby that she isn't able to move.

It's impossible for her to escape for herself. That should be evident.

It's only that I'm looking for a reason to not go.

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“Eiji-sama, this is a transfer crystal. It’s possible to transfer yourself near the entrance if you engrave your magic element in it——Eiji-sama, what happened?”

Noticing my weird look, Ally inclines her head.

I breathe deeply and then I opened my mouth.

“Ally, you would be okay even in the second layer, right?”

“I have gone alone as far as the third layer, and like you have observed there was no problem”

“As expected of you. Then you will be fine”

Though I confirm it just to be sure, Ally answered naturally.

Good, then everything will be fine even if I go.

“There’s a place I have to go no matter what, then I will be going for a moment”

“A place that you have to go no matter what? Eiji-sama, need to go somewhere important?”

While I shake my head, I invoke a skill from the many I have that increases my agility.

“No, it’s inside the cave. But it’s a dangerous place, that’s why I can’t involve you for my own convenience, Ally. But above all——It’s not good if I don’t hurry. I’m sorry for doing something selfish, I will make sure to compensate you, maybe”

While using Parasite • Vision I started running.

I confirmed the state of Veil with Parasite • Vision while running.

For now she isn’t moving.

I’ve got to get there before something appears, so please no monster appear.

——That I’m here right now is thanks to Veil.

That I have been able to take requests, was because Veil gave me the first push to my back request, that I was able to take the first step forward.

If it is not for her, I would not be doing anything, just watching.

This rescue could end in failure.

I can't predict whether I would be able to win against those monsters or not,

After having failed many times and remembering the suffering, I finished always evading battles that I knew I couldn't see the outcome.

However, I remembered my little victories in this world.

That's why, it's almost the perfect time to challenge it once again.

I'm sure.

"At best I will use the power I had picked up recklessly!"

The heavy sensation of air that I felt from that corridor, was being expelled from a place that is like a small room, from the extensive shadows of the stone pillars that were there.

I put strength to my feet, and then I jumped into the small room.

"U, Oo!"

At that instant, the ground starts to shine and the view rotates.

The next moment I was in the scarlet corridor.

"Is this the trap that teleported you?"

I looked the place in a hurry, comparing the color of the place that Veil is seeing with my Parasite • Vision.

Even though it was almost the same place, the place where Veil is, is slightly brighter.

This corridor becomes more dark brown the more you go inside so as long as I run

towards the brighter place I would be able to approach to Veil. Anyways, let's start.

I'm running in the corridor.

While looking the view of Veil.

As Veil was staggering, she stood, and started to slowly move.

While looking at my surroundings, I tried quietly to not make noise.

But at that moment, my feet stopped.

Because a monster entered in my view.

It was a lion with a human face, the manticore.

Seeing the manticore laughing as it found prey, the Veil's vision starts to shake. The feet who were trying to run away were entangled, and then she fell to the ground.

The manticore who was about to start running seeing that stopped, and slowly, slowly, it began to walk.

It was as if the manticore was enjoying her fear.

The more it approaches, the more it opened that red mouth, making a deep smile.

It was at that moment that from the ceiling of the corridor a light flicked.

The moment that the manticore twist its body, it receives an incessant rain of magic arrows.

Surprised, the Veil's vision starts to move violently, and then it stopped.

“E-Eiji? Eiji! Why are you here!?”

“I'm here because in some way I found out you was here”

I kept moving forward to the manticore, while answering to Veil.

Veil open her eyes wide with surprise, and even though she didn't say anything, she

started shouting.

“You can’t! The monsters here are in a different league! I’m aware you are strong but even so, you aren’t match for them. I’m fine so you can escape even if it is only you. Because it’s obvious that I will be the one they are going to aim as I’m injured, so you can still escape!”

Veil stretched forward and complained.

However, I still kept approaching the manticore.

“Before you wanted to know what was my profession. At that time I answered saying neet. Do you remember?”

“Eh? Yes, I remember but, but, now isn’t the time for this—”

“Though I never told you at that time, in my birthplace, the word neet is used to describe a person who meets three requirements. One, Is currently not going to school. Two, does not work. Three, doesn’t go to a vocational school . Among them—”

The sword is pulled out and then, the manticore is confronted.

“A person who doesn’t help; doesn’t exist among them”

CHAPTER 24

LABYRINTH FIRST EXPLORATION COMPLETED

Even Sannen Netarou, does it occasionally. (About Sannen Netarou <http://web-japan.org/kidsweb/folk/netaro/index.html>)

It could be said that part of my power is also part of Veil's power, and though this idea never came to me, It's time enough that I face the risks and to help the people who helped me all this time.

That's why, I will do it.

As the victory always goes towards the one who makes the first move, I wave the black silver sword and thrust it against the manticore.

However, the manticore caught the sword with its scorpion tail that is even longer than its body.

This thing is hard.

It has to be considerably hard that it can't be cut even by sword.

The tail moves even more freely, and not only it defends but also uses the pointed end trying to pierce me. I jumped behind and evade it.

It would end badly If it has poison in it, so maybe it would be the best to fight in the distance, but if I do that it would be difficult to give the final blow. Which would be good?

“So, it charged!”

The moment I took distance, from the surroundings of the manticore's body, three types of light joined and a mass of magic power was shot. Even though I was able to barely evade it because I had seen it once, the broken fragments of the dungeon were vigorously coming to collide against me.

This is dangerous, isn't it?

It's nothing serious even if the fragments hits me, but if the manticore's body hits me I will not end up with only a small wound.

I instinctively step back, and at the same time, the turn for the manticore to attack began.

One after another, powerful light balls comes flying. Even though I'm barely evading them but it's like I thought, being under rapid fire is painful.

It's fast, there are many and they are strong, to keep evading every one of them is—

“Guu!”

After being hit by one of those magic balls, my balance collapses thanks to their power.

My hand becomes numb, and it seems like my shoulder would come off with such strength.

This is not good, if this continues like this, eventually I would take a direct hit and I will be finished.

All will be lost unless I go on the offensive—Fortunately, I saw an opening.

At the same time that I recover my posture, the manticore starts gathering magic in the surroundings.

But this time I will not evade. Using 【Boost】 【Magic Weapon】 , I thrusted forward.

The mass of magic is fired.

I went towards the one that is in front of me, and with all my strength I swung my sword downwards.

The lump of magic was cut and vanished like mist.

—As I predicted.

At that time when my sword repelled it, I understood that if I charge my sword with magic, I can damage the light ball. I thought that if I strengthen even further the sword with magic using the skill 【magic weapon】 , I would be able to erase it, and it seems

that I was right.

To me who was at its side, the manticore immediately used its tail to intercept me.

But using 【Consecutive Swords】 , the second sword quickly repelled the attack of the tail.

At the same time, I decreased the offensive ability of the manticore using the 【Origami Sword Spell】 , and so, when the tail's power decreased, an opening was created.

Changing the sword of hand, I took out the knife for work and I brandished fiercely.

The manticore's smirk disappeared, and in haste it raised its claws.

“It... hurts...!”

My armpit is dyed in red.

It hurts! It really hurts!

This is how much an injury hurts!?

However——The manticore is hurt more.

The knife that was thrown into the manticore's face pierced the eye.

The manticore's expression was frozen in surprise, it wasn't even able to raise a groan.

I gave the final blow, piercing its neck with my black silver sword, then the manticore's body collapsed as if it had lost all its strength.

“It ended”

I'm tired—...But, it's not over yet.

After taking out a recovery medicine from the space bag and using it, I went to where Veil is.

My pain more or less remains, but it doesn't prevent me from moving normally.

“It, has, to, be, a, joke. A monster in this corridor?”

Veil mutters in surprise, and while staggering she stands up.

“Even though I didn’t know how it would finish, somehow I was able to do it, and Veil is also safe”

Unintentionally, I let out a smile showing my relief.

I really feel relieved.

“Eiji...”

Veil quietly watched me for a while but, as if her strength had left her body, she clinged to my shoulders.

“Eijii... Eijiii”

She kept calling my name many times.

“Good, let’s go. Before we are found by others monsters”

“Are you alright? After fighting with that thing”

“I’m still good. Since the stamina recovery medicine was effective I already I’m able to use skills, and you also used a considerable number of them”

I’m carrying Veil on my back.

Because she wasn’t able to calm down, the medicine had no effect and so it didn’t cure her injuries, that’s why I decided that it would be faster to go out if I carry her.

“Then, I will dash with all my strength to the outside!”

I’m running to escape from this place as soon as possible,

It seems that the entrance was quite close, and perhaps it was because my prayers that we didn’t had any accidents on our way towards the entrance.

Good, now we are safe.

“Eiji-sama! As I expected, you were here. Luckily, nothing happened to you”

The one who appeared in front of mine feeling relieved and was waiting in front of the entrance, was Ally. Ally also runs towards me with a relieved expression.

“The one on you back... I understand, so it was that”

Ally's expression changes to one of guessing.

Veil looks down feeling a little embarrassed.

“Though there are many things that I want to ask you, now it's the time to go outside of this dungeon. Let's go, and please let me handle what comes”

Ally becomes really reliable, handling the monsters as we reach where the transfer crystal is.

I remembered I heard about this by chance, that by inserting your magic, you are able to teleport yourself towards the crystal that's near the entrance. A useful tool, this thing.

Using that, I went towards the entrance in one go, leaving Paienne Labyrinth behind.

After that, while explaining what happened to Ally and Veil, we went toward the medical treatment place, and in front of the entrance I dropped Veil.

“Are you okay?”

“Yes. Thank you, Ally. Now I only have to obediently hear what the doctor says”

“Take care of yourself, Veil”

“Eiji... Thank you”

Veil bows deeply.

As this has never happened before, I was troubled in thinking what to do, but then she slowly raised her head.

“I'm serious, thank you. I was really, happy, when you came to rescue me. ...I, I will do

whatever you want. Today's rewards, whatever Eiji wants, I will do it. That's why, you can say whatever you want to me"

"A-Anything? Are you serious?"

Without any hesitation, Veil nodded.

Uwaa—, what can I do, she said that anything I want.

She said anything, so anything I want it would be ok...?

No. no, don't be deceived. The words she said is obvious that are within the bounds of common sense, you know? Think about something common, me!

"Ah— Cough. Is, is it so? But well, I can't think anything now, so maybe next time"

"I understood. I'm looking forward"

"It's something you have to look forward?"

Veil laughs, and then after waving her hand, she entered inside the medical treatment place.

Ahaha... What I will do?

Now my unresolved problems have increased by one.

After that, Ally and I also returned to each other's places.

I stopped in crossroad. and I said.

"I'm sorry for suddenly taking action on my own accord, I left you in the middle of our exploration"

"No, I think that it was praiseworthy. I couldn't do such thing, no matter how much a person has fallen in danger, I couldn't do something like jumping into that corridor"

"Even I was surprised. If you tell me to do it once more I think it would be impossible"

"I believe that Eiji-sama would jump straight to danger innumerable times"

I think you are overestimating me.

“Besides, today’s objective for the labyrinth was originally to reach that transfer crystal point, so you didn’t leave me halfway, it was an excellent result. In that case, the next time we will be able to advance smoothly. That’s why, please carefully rest for a while. I think you are tired. I will stay in this Laurel town for a while, so there is no reason to be in a hurry”

“You are right, I’m completely exhausted. Mentally too. Then, allow me to take a carefully rest”

“Of course. In the meanwhile I think to training myself”

Eh?

Looking at her, Ally was staring me vigorously.

“The strength of Eiji-sama, surpassed my expectations. If I continue like this, I would be able to do nothing more than taking advantage of you. That’s a disqualification as fellow adventurer that are exploring together. To be helpful even if it’s only a little, I will train in my days off”

She’s serious. If she say that, then the current me is also taking advantage of Ally, so we are even. So it’s alright even if you don’t worry about that.

But, it seems that as long as I keep looking at her face, her resolve is hard.

Even I am full from somewhat able to do something in that scarlet corridor, so for now, the first part of the Paienne Labyrinth is done.

However, there is a certain trap saying that the first part is completed and that it’s that usually the second part doesn’t start.

“Training you say? It’s ok even if you don’t worry about that, but if you are saying that, I will be cheering you. Then, see you! Good night, Ally”

“Yes. Goodnight, Eiji-sama”

Then, Ally and I separated, I returned to my usual inn.

Cramming all the food at high speed, without waiting another moment, I went towards my room and then I dove straight into my bed.

“Ah~~ I’m tired~~”

Unintentionally I let out my voice.

Seriously, this is the first time that I’m so tired since I came to this place.

Rolling all over the bed, was unbearably pleasant.

With that, my feelings calmed down.

It’s warm, soft, and it heals me.

As I thought, this is the best place for me.

Lately I was very active, especially today, I went too far.

I’m not cut to face others humans. Rather than spending hard times outside, I now understood clearly that my nature is suited to be in a bed inside of a room while gathering experience and money.

I understood it because I went outside, being a hikikomori is priceless.

Starting from tomorrow, I will be lazy as if my life depended on it.

After deciding to fall into the laziness, I slowly closed my eyes.

Ah, that’s right, I need to check my stats that went up in the cave.

I went to check my skills, because even more skills have been gained, besides looking at my new abilities, classes and skills while being inside of my room it’s a time that I enjoy, so let’s fully enjoy it.

Aah, how I would like to go back to sleep after waking up, beside, today I was outside since morning, I want to sleep until noon.

Imagining about the things I would like to do while slowly closing my eyes, I fell asleep.

CHAPTER 25

NEW SKILLS

The next morning after having completed the great cave operation, after waking up, while continuing being excited, I opened my status.

【Name】 Eiji=Choukai

【Class】 Parasite 27Mercenary 15Mage 6Swordsman 7Shinto Priest 14Hunter 14Shaman 12Fighter 3Miner 8Thief 10Spirit User 10Enchanter 11

【Stamina】 177

【Strength】 155

【Defense】 149

【Magic】 170

【Magic power】 168

【Magic resistance】 164

【Agility】 161

【Skill】 Permanent summonServant summonCommunication to God

Chewing stonesBreath of LifeElement attackSpirit magicSpirit Perception

Magic enhacementAttack enhancementMagic AmplificationHealing Hand

Pain divisionMastery of long-range weaponsEnhancement boostParasite •

VisionParasite x4Parasite • ClassParasite • InfoParasite • GoldMastery of short-

range weaponsStrong AttackMagic tools masteryMagic arrowSword

masteryConsecutive SwordsDispelBow mastery

As expected, after defeating a powerful enemy, I grew up so much in one day.

My skills increased considerably, in part it is also thanks to the compound skill.

For example, the breath of life, a combined skill from the shinto priest and enchanter class lets me grab energy from nature to improve my natural healing power.

Chewing stones, it seems that it's a skill that lets me nourish myself with stones or soil. A combined skill that seems to have come from the miner and spirit user class... but how can I use it?

Would I be able to survive from starving to death by eating any type of stone or soil?

The compound skill goes into effect when my number of classes increases, and those are combined with already existing ones, so the number of skills increasing is nothing bad for me. Even though there are some useless skills, the amount that I can use is numerous.

“Well, well, well, after all, the only skill that calls out to me is... the summon skill”

A combined skill from the spirit user and the hunter class, servant summon.

Then the skill which seems to be even superior to it, the permanent summon.

This permanent summon skill—is the combination of the spirit user, hunter, shaman and shinto priest classes.

If I remember correctly, though there are people that have two classes in this world, those kinds of people are rare, and if you have three, then you would be considered a genius.

Now a skill of four combined classes, it could be something that nobody has ever seen, an extremely super rare skill?

No, it's absolutely got to be rare, I don't have any doubts about it.

After examining the details of the skill, it seems that it lets you summon a summoned beast permanently.

The summoned beast is not summoned for a limited amount of time, but in the same way that others summon beasts, you can call them whenever you want, the difference is that you can summon them in the same state that they were before.

In short, it is a summoned beast that can earn experience.

It's a considerably interesting peculiarity.

I have to use it no matter what.

“Good, come out. Permanent summon!”

Now, come out. While praying in my mind for something to come out, I immediately started to invoke the skill, then, a geometrical figure was drawn on the floor with

bright lines.

A short time later, light overflows from the pattern and then it became a pillar, several seconds later the pillar and the pattern disappears——and what was left behind was a beast.

It was like as if an ostrich egg had grown feet, a mysterious existence.

CHAPTER 26

THAT EAT SOMETHING AND EVOLVES

“Hmm, hello?”

After making its appearance with the permanent summon, I tried greeting the weird summoned beast egg that looked like a penguin with those grown legs.

Then, with tottering steps, it came walking to me.

It appears that even if it can't talk, it can understand what I'm saying.

When I try walking a few steps, it follows me with its short legs.

Though now that I know that it's a brave guy, what can I do?

When I crouch down and watch it carefully, I noticed that the egg had something like a crack for a mouth.

If it has a mouth, then I have to try feeding it with something.

With a very shallow thought thinking that it would be enough to give food to it in order to tame it, I pull out dried meat from my space bag, and with some remaining vegetables from before, I left the food in front of the egg.

I even brought a bucket filled with water from outside, so all the preparations should be completed. I couldn't even begin to imagine how it would drink with such a body, but just in case.

Carnivorous or herbivorous... Ah, it ate both. Omnivorous it is.

The summoned beast has a small body but unusually it devoured everything greedily in a blink of an eye.

What a great way to eat... Ah?

It happened just when it finished eating its food.

A light began to be released from the egg's body.

Even when I was thinking what could be happening, the light rapidly becomes even more dazzling to the point that you can't look ahead. I closed my eyes and endured the light.

Soon, the light appeared to calm down so I opened slowly the eyes, but there was no longer an egg in front of mine.

“...There's a pig”

In exchange, there was a pig in the place where the egg was.

No matter how you look, it's a mini size pig, and if I have to say the only thing that is different, it would be what's in front of the curly tail that looked like a violet flower blooming.

If I have to say something, then yes, it has changed the enough, but it's still a pig.

“What is happening? It can be that the egg has become this?”

When I muttered half of my monologue, as if the pig wanted to affirm it, the flower, no, the pig snorted.

Could be that this is the so called, one of its evolutions and I did something to cause it?

At first it looks weak, but if you raise it, its appearance would change with the evolution. This summoned beast has such peculiarity.

That seems to be really interesting. —But, why a pig?

When I try thinking about the reason, a certain feeling come to me, that it could be the dried meat I gave to the pig.

Then, it ate vegetables with it, in other words plants, something that blooms with flowers.

Evolving according to things it eats?

Then, I don't have any other choice but to think about its nutritional balance?

"It seems that it's complicated to think deeply about it, so first let's tame this summoned beast. Hand"

When I stretch out my hand, the pig stretches its forefoot.

"Tail"

After saying that, the tail was shaken.

"It seems that we surely can reach to a mutual understanding. Then, next would be the summon release"

When I release the skill, the summoned beast disappears leaving a faint afterglow.

And again, I tried using 【Permanent Summon】.

Together with a light, the summoned beast, the pig with a blooming flower on its tail appeared and not a egg.

Yes, it appears with the same appearance with which it disappeared. Because it has evolved, it will no longer appear with egg appearance of the beginning.

If so, let's try feeding it with something. If it will evolve by eating, then I want to let it eat something, if it still has room in its stomach.

Good, let's have the old man from the inn prepare various things in the kitchen for this guy to eat.

"Excuse me..."

At that moment, the door was slowly opened.

The one who entered timidly into the room was the girl from the inn, Marie.

"Ah, Marie-chan. What's the matter?"

"It's nothing, it's not like I have any, business...This child, it's an unusual animal, isn't it?"

It seems that I didn't close the door correctly when I went to look for a bucket of water. Pointing that out, she seemed to have interest in this summoned beast that she discovered.

It seems that this inn allows animals, because there are adventurers who uses hawks and hunting dogs. Therefore I don't have to worry about being reproached, so there's no reason to be in panic either.

"Yes, it's quite a rare animal"

Marie nods, and then after she approaches the bloomed flower of the summoned beast, she extends her hand.

"It's okay to touch it?"

"Of course. But, if you are not careful you will be bitten... It's a joke, a joke. It's okay. I'm sorry for scaring you, Marie-chan. This is an easy going animal so it's okay"

Marie got angry for a moment, but suddenly with a humble smile she started to pat the summoned beast's back.

The summoned beast it also seemed pleased as it wags its tail.

"So you were keeping this child, Eiji-san"

"More than keeping it, how I can say, well yes, something like that"

"It's a small and cute pig. If it only fatten a little more, then it would be delicious"

The moment Marie said that, the summoned beast's tail become upright and went to hide itself behind me, snorting as if it were frightened.

"Ah, I'm sorry. I will not eat it, another persons pig. You don't have to worry"

Then you would eat if it was your pig!?

But well, I understand, perhaps it's because of where we are, If you think about a pig as a livestock, then that should be normal. There was a time when I also didn't know that mini size pigs could be kept as pets, so I only thought about pigs as pork for cooking.

I calmed down the summoned beast and then I put it in front of Marie.

At that moment it occurred to me. That it's inconvenient to continue calling it summoned beast, and that it's necessary to think of a name.

If that's the case, now is the time.

"Hey, Marie-chan. This guy, I haven't given it a name yet, do you have any good suggestions?"

"A name, you say?"

"Yes, that's right. If you have a good suggestion then I would like to hear"

Marie keeps staring at the summoned beast with seriousness in her eyes.

Though she groaned for a while, but eventually she hesitantly opened her mouth.

"Well, what do you think about Hana(Flower/Nose)?"

"Hana"

"A flower bloomed on its tail and because the pig's nose is cute, so Hana. What, do you think?"

"I see. It's good, I think it's a good name. Thank you, Marie-chan"

"You are welcome"

Feeling embarrassed, Marie crouched down and stroked Hana's back.

After being patted, Hana forgot about how scared it was and relieved, it became attached to Marie. I'm envious of its simple personality.

"Let's start again, nice to meet you, Hana"

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Marie left the room and went to continue helping with the inn, and after that, I let Hana eat a meal. This time it didn't change.

It seems that it's not like it would evolve every time it ate.

I suppose that it had evolved before because it was the first time that it ate something.

It will evolve after eating a lot or it could be when it meets the necessary requirements. I'm curious about that, but, let's go step by step.

After all, Hana fell asleep.

After eating, it completely took my bed, and then it started to 'Buu Buu' snort,

The sprawled figure of the pig with both hands and legs extended over the bed——Kuu, it's cute.

Even though it has stolen my bed, I can't get angry.

"Well then, let's try out another skill that catches my attention"

I sit in the chair and then I confirm my status again.

What was there, was another new skill that caught my eyes.

And that is 【Communication with God】.

"God... A God, eh?"

If you say God in this world, it's her isn't it?

And that means, that the effect of this skill is that, isn't it?

"Anyhow, I will try it. What can happen?— 【Communication with God】 "

The moment the skill was activated, it was as if the surroundings were being distorted with blockiness gradually.

They were gathered together into one lump, and then—Ah, here.

The first place I arrived after coming to this world, a white space, was being projected as an image.

And of course, there she was, the goddess Rux of this other world... Eh?

There, what I found was the slovenly figure of Rux, zzzing while revealing her stomach.

“Uu~n... Munyamunya”

While continuing making zzz sounds, Rux scratches her stomach.

This goddess does not even have a little of dignity,

“Uhihihi... Kufufu...”

Moreover, she is making a weird laughter while sleeping.

What type of dream could be she dreaming, this goddess?

“Hey! Hey! Can you hear me from that place!? Rux!”

After calling her through the screen, she stopped her sleep-talking.

Rux stated to squirming, then, she raised half her body and with a blankly face staring at me.

“Fuaaa... You... The one from before... Eiji-kun”

She yawns greatly while rubbing her eyes.

It seems that she can see me and hear me from that side.

It is functioning properly.

Suddenly, Rux's eyes opened wide.

“Eiji-kun!? Why are you here!?”

With a surprised face, she ran towards me.

As her pink hair waves, she ended up reaching the screen. She touched the image that is projected on her side everywhere.

“Oh? Oh! Oh—. This is, it’s not like you are in this place. Ah, now I understand. I have remembered. It has to be some skill, clearly!”

“You’re right. As expected of a goddess. When I learned the skill 【Communication with God】, it connected with you. But I didn’t expect to get to speak with you again, so I’m surprised”

“I’m also surprised. It’s been a long time since somebody used this skill”

“You need to have the compound skill, so there are almost no people who can learn it”

So I was thinking that because she is explaining it to me, that she doesn’t think that I have the compound skill. Because on that occasion I only had one class.

Fufu, you will be surprised when I tell you.

I was grinning, but Rux was nodding with a face as she had understood what happened.

Eh? Why are you doing that?

“Ah, it’s perhaps that? It’s amazing, the parasite class. I didn’t even know the existence of such a class with such an effect. How many classes do you have right now? It seems that you have won the lottery now with all those classes and skills, Eiji-kun”

“Eh? You know that I became like this? Rux”

“Of course. A god’s skill only allowed for gods, 【God’s Eyes】, if you have it, then it’s extremely easy to understand the state of the world. If I think about seeing here, then I can see it extremely easy. And because the state of Eiji-kun interested me a little, occasionally I checked how you were, but it seems that I didn’t need to worry at all. Even if it’s this world you can live quite easily, so I’m relieved. Good, good”

Pachi pachi pachi——Rux is applauding with a smile.

I don't know if I should be happy to be blessed like this or be troubled by her reaction.

But, well, let's gratefully accept her compliment?

“Even so, that only happened because Rux pulled out that class. I'm grateful”

Besides, out of all the people no one knows the truth, so if there is at least someone who knows my circumstances, then somehow I feel relieved.

“Umu umu, you had better express fully your gratitude. But even so, it's not like I'm watching you twenty four hours a day, so there is a considerable amount of things that called my attention that I don't know. So—, Teach me, Eiji-kun”

Placing her hands in her waist while sitting with both legs outstretched, Rux leans forward with shining eyes.

And so, the question time of the goddess started.

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I explained to Rux about the many things that happened until now.

It was worth talking to Rux as she was asking full of interest.

She even said that it had been a long time since someone used this skill to communicate, so she might normally be bored.

“I see, I see, such interestings things happened. It would have been better if I’d seen how you were occasionally”

“Now, now, I wouldn’t be able to calm down if you see me too much... Eh?”

If I think about that, it can be that...

“Hold on, there is something that worries me, how far you can with God’s eyes?”

“How far? That is, to anywhere. I can see even the inside of the inn”

“Inside of the inn you said? It could be that you can even see this room?”

“Of course, I was worried, you know?”

Wait, wait, even if you are worried I would like you to not go so far as to see inside bedroom.

It’s good when I’m outside, but there is something called privacy.

But even so, I think she wouldn’t go too far, surely.

“That means that you can even watch me in places like the bathroom, right?”

“Ahaha, that would be going too far”

Rux waves her hand while laughing.

She is right, she wouldn't do such a thing.

"I don't do it so often"

"So you do it sometimes!"

After a 'Tehee', Rux makes a fist and hit herself lightly while closing her eyes.

Annoying.

"It's just right to kill time"

"What is that good for? As a person, doing that is not good"

"But I'm a God"

"It's not good even if you are God"

Eh—, Rux was dissatisfied.

Sigh, this goddess. It has to be a mistake that everyone is worshiping her.

But—Bring it on!

If you are like that, then I will not show you mercy.

From looking at Rux's face, I slowly dropped my glance.

Originally Rux wore a white and thin cloth wrapped over and over again, a suggestive appearance, but now, after just waking up, with her clothes almost disarranged, she is in such state, exposing her skin.

I didn't have the intentions to look as I'm a gentleman, but if the other party has the intention to spy on me, then I don't need to contain myself.

It wouldn't be right to return the favor by looking at the body of this proud goddess?

I can see her stomach and armpits from the position where I am, and even though I will not say where, only a little more and I would be able to see a good place. But if I change my angle a little then I would be able to see it.

Good, let's do it.

I move to the right.

No good, I can't see anything.

I move to the left.

No good, I can't see anything.

...Wait a moment.

If you think about it, you will not be able to see anything no matter how you look at it if its like a camera that's fixed! What idiotic thing I'm doing.

Rux who was looking at me suffering and looked puzzled.

"What happened, Eiji-kun?"

"It's nothing, it's nothing. Haa... Eh?"

At that moment, an unusual phenomenon happened.

Noise started to appear on the screen where the goddess was being projected.

And it seems that it was happening the same on the side of Rux, Rux tilted her head in confusion and asked "What happened, Eiji-kun?".

Even if you ask me, I don't know either. What is happening, a uncomfortable feeling in my body...

As if it's heavy, like my strength is leaving me.

I remembered having this kind of feeling before, and after checking my status, I only had a little remaining of magic power.

Uwa, this skill, it has such an intense consumption rate?

If you think about, this is a skill that connects with God's world, so it would not necessarily be strange for the skill's consumption to be so absurd.

I pull my gaze from the status screen and then I raise my eyes.

“Rux, my magic power is almost consumed. And so it seems that the connection would be interrupted”

“Ah, so that’s why. You should have trained your magic power better, Eiji-kun”

“Please don’t be so unreasonable, because even so I think I have a considerable amount. But well, so it’s like that, the connection will be cut soon”

“Roger, roger. See you, Eiji-kun. Let’s talk again, with your communication with god. Absolutely we have to do it”

Rux extends her hand to the screen as if she was requesting a handshake.

I also without waving extended my hand, and of course there isn’t any sensation. Our hands were facing each other, and then the communication was interrupted.

I was in the inn like before.

As if nothing had happened.

“I was connected to the God’s world, just now”

Before I knew it, my skills reached an amazing level.

These are the fruits of parasitizing everyday to level up with all my strength, yes.

“Well, now—”

Hana is still sleeping.

What should I do? I’m free but now even my drowsiness flew.

After thinking, I suddenly recalled.

After the labyrinth exploration, I didn’t deal with what I obtained, did I?

I found a considerable amount of treasures in the Paienne Labyrinth.

Things like recovery medicine, a hat weaved with iron chains, a crystal with magic element among other things.

Something to appraise things, and even a mysterious box that I don't know how got here.

Even though I was able to open the box with the thief skill 【Finger】 , could it be that the thing inside was naturally generated by the magic element as well?

Surely, the manticore's tail, claws and even all the other materials from it would be more valuable than the average treasure. And it could be possible that if I ask some expert, they would be able to make me some amazing tools.

No, I'm sure they can. After having an unusually hard time, I have no other choice but to go through a few delicious moments.

CHAPTER 29

MAGIC TOOL SHOP VISHUBU

Well, leaving tools that are useful for me, I have to do something about the raw material that I can't use for anything.

In moments like this the best option would be to exchange them for money but, the manticore materials are above average so it would be a waste to exchange them.

Which leaves me with no option but to look for a place where they understand the worth of the materials and make excellent tools. So I headed towards Iron Block where there are many kinds of these shops.

I went to places like weapon shops and magic tools shops but severals of them even after showing the materials, far from being able to manufacture something, nobody recognized their worth.

[This is not rare at all, it's only the tail of a big scorpion. It's about two silver coins] so I wasn't able to entrust them with the raw materials which cost me much to get.

It became somewhat tedious failing to find one, so while thinking about returning to the inn if the next one would also be a failure, I headed towards the edge of the Block where a plain shop was.

“Excuse~me”

There was no answer even though I called after opening the door.

I think there are people, but it may be that they have not heard me?

“Excuse~me! I have something I want to ask~!”

After calling for a while, a man appeared from the interior of the shop.

The man was staring seriously in my direction in bad mood.

When the man sees the one who opened the door, without holding back, he clicked his

tongue.

“They have forgotten to lock the door, eh? Who was the idiot. Damn”

There is no one beside you here...

Of course I didn't say that and then I confirm it.

“Today you closed the shop temporarily or something else happened? If it's like that I will come again later”

Burdened by my words, after the man saw my bag he shook his head while sighing.

“It does not matter now. I didn't want to be interrupted in the middle of my work so I planned to close the shop for an hour, but now I'm already distracted, I will take a break. What do you need?”

“I obtained some rare raw materials, so I was thinking about making use of them to make something. However, I wasn't able to find a capable person”

“Oh, you can't find one?”

It seems that I caught his interest

He is the craftsman type, and if that it's the case, then it can work.

“Come to my workshop”

The craftsman of the magic tools shop called me with his finger to enter inside of the shop.

When entering the building, a small space near the entrance was the shop, and it had many different types of magic tools lying around. There is something like a wind necklace that increase the evasion, similar to what I bought before.

After following the craftsman, we reached the workshop.

There were many things lying around, tools, stoves and iron pots, but the space of the workshop was even more spacious than the entrance where they sell things.

Rather, this place feels like the real building.

“Now, what things do you say that you have brought? I will pray for them not to be something worthless”

“These are”

On the worktable in which he pointed out, I placed the raw materials that I extracted from the manticore.

And by doing that, the craftsman of the magic tool shop frowned.

“This is—Wait a second, this could be!”

The craftsman walked with long strides towards a certain bookshelf in the corner of the workshop, then he turned the page of a book.

After bringing the book to the worktable, he started comparing the material that I have brought with the book.

While watching him attentively from near the wall, I held back the urge to laugh.

What can I say, he started to panic.

His attitude was exaggerated so it was really funny.

In any case, it seems that I can have some expectation for him.

Suddenly, close to my ears I hear the wall being hit.

And the one who made the sound was the craftsman’s hands.

“You, do you know what this is?”

Using his hand to make me unable to escape, he asks me face to face.

This is the rumored kabe-don!?

...No, even if other man does it to me I’m not happy at all, besides this is not something to do to another man.

Without being aware of my feelings, the wrinkles of the man becomes even more intense. The craftsman keep asking me even further.

“Hey, so what is it? From what I see, these are not your average material”

The craftsman’s red hair was waving in front of my eyes as he was urging for an answer quickly.

While thinking that he is an impatient person, I opened my mouth.

“Of course, I believe that I understand. But would I be able to hear you opinion before confirming if my knowledge match yours? Your opinion without any kind of prejudice. What do you think it is?”

“Did you think perhaps this would make my eyes lose their luster? You are underestimating me. This is from a manticore. That tail and that core. I was right with what you thought?”

Here it came, the correct answer.

By only knowing that, his level is completely different from all those who I went to see.

“Good, you thought the same as I”

“Sigh, this is not the time for wasting my time, these are unbelievably rare things. I was only able to see them in books. And that is because there is no person capable of defeating the manticore. So why are you holding such things?”

“Even if you say that to me—”

I don’t want the rumor of having defeated it to spread.

But even so is not to the point where I want to hide it absolutely, so for the time being let’s beat around the bush.

“I had some connections. Either way, I can guarantee that this is the real thing. Leaving that aside, this, can you handle it?”

The craftsman turned his head and stared towards the table with the materials.

“I can not affirm or deny, because I have never dealt with such things. However—My blood is boiling!”

Kukukuku, leaking his laughter which he was trying to suppress, he pinned his hope on me.

If it's this man I have the feeling that he will be able to do it somehow.

But, in any case, I want him once for all to put down his hands.

“Will you not leave it to me? I will make something without fail. I don't need remuneration, I don't care about that. So please, let me do it”

“Without remuneration, are you sure?”

“Dealing with such materials can be considered itself to be the greatest reward. For a craftsman from a magic tool shop”

Ooh, I'm lucky—.

However, to be completely without remuneration, it makes me feel a little awkward.

For now it would better to pay the fee as it will make me feel better, but well, everything will be alright if I pay him afterwards.

At the very least, I had luck in finding a reliable person.

Even when I was thinking things like that, the craftsman continues looking at me urging for an answer.

“So, what do you think? Answer quickly”

“Please do not rush me. Yes, I request you”

At the same time I said that the craftsman made a uncontrollable guts pose.

That made you so happy? If you are pleased it's all fine.

“That's right, what's your name? Mine is Eiji. I'm temporarily staying in this Laurel town”

“Eiji? I’m Felipe. My name is not a big deal but if you want to remember then remember it”

“I understood, I will remember it. I will leave it to you, Felipe”

“Leave it to me. Then, I have to close the shop for today, no wait, it’s currently closed. I have lost my time to do business!”

Felipe laughs ‘Hahaha’ in high spirits, and at last after being released from the wall, I told him where the inn was.

I told him the places to look for me and tell me the moment when he thinks of something on how to use the materials.

We started thinking that it’s necessary to first look for a way to deal with the materials, and after that it became a conversation about what to make when the time comes.

It was really good that the materials I had a hard time obtaining didn’t become useless possessions.

However, while holding a slight bit of a doubt whether Felipe’s business was doing well or not, I left behind the magic tool shop called[Vishubu].

CHAPTER 30

A MUSHROOM IS SOMETHING HAT HAS MYSTERIOUSPOWER

After entrusting my precious materials to Felipe, I returned to the inn, and just in time Hana waking up.

Hana who just woke up came walking towards my feets, while snorting and wagging its tail, it started going around and round the room.

That's right, let's take Hana for a short walk.

Maybe Hana wanted to go out, and since it's still bright.

“Alright, come here Hana”

When I called Hana after the door was opened, Hana came running to me.

And when I start walking, Hana follows behind me closely.

And so, I took my summoned beast along outside.

“Oh, it's good that you are full of spirit”

Hana and I came to the forest on the side of the town.

Hana starts making it's way through the trees the moment we reach the forest, as if Hana woke up its wild nature.

At a glance it looks like a mini pig, but when I look at its ferocious dash, I'm pleased and convinced that inside of it runs the blood of a wild boar.

There aren't dangerous monsters in this forest, so it's possible to walk without having to worry.

To begin there's almost no dangerous monsters as long as you don't go deep inside.

We will be able to have a carefree walk to our heart's contents. I'm sure that Hana will be pleased eating an acorn.

And that moment, Hana came to me pulling the edge of my clothes.

“What happens, Hana? ...You want me to follow you?”

Showing the way, Hana starts to walk steadily.

After following, Hana started to dig the foot of a tree covered with leaves with its short legs

And then after brushing away the fallen leaves with its nose, what appeared under the leaves was—

“Mushrooms”

Several flat white mushrooms were stealthily growing together.

This is what Hana was smelling?

Let me see.

When I crouch down and try to smell, surprisingly it gave a sweet smell

The smell of the earth, surely it was that.

“You have found something good, Hana”

Hana shakes the tail pleased, and lively it started to munching the mushrooms.

Shit, when I was thinking about taking them home to eat, before I was able to stop Hana, it ended eating almost half of them.

I have failed, but Hana was the one who found them, so it can't be helped.

【Hana • Mage1→3】

It was at that moment that a display was displayed.

Suddenly, such display appeared.

“It can’t be, that I can—see this?”

I prayed in my mind that I wanted to see Hana’s status like I always do with mine.

And then—.

【Name】 Hana

【Race】 Pig flower

【Class】 Mage 3

【Stamina】 66

【Strength】 89

【Defense】 78

【Magic】 46

【Magic power】 66

【Magic resistance】 66

【Agility】 75

【Skill】 MutationMagic tools mastery

Is this real?

I didn’t expect to be able to see the status of my summoned beast.

Basically you can’t see the status of other people, but normally I can see the class and level of the people I’m parasitizing.

I wasn’t able to see it like this, the ability and even the skills.

I’m able to see the status of the summoned beast in the same way I see my own because I summoned it? It’s really useful.

But that was not the only thing that caught my attention.

Why did the level go up now?

Hana’s level went up, right after eating the mushroom.

Can it be that Hana’s level went up because of the mushroom?

In other words—.

“You are great, Hana. It’s amazing that you were able to find something like this!”

When the voice of praise resounds in the forest, Hana starts running proudly around me.

If I remember well, you can only level up your class by taking something like the energy that monsters have.

In other words, I can guess that this mushroom is filled with same kind of energy, in other words, experience.

I didn’t see something like this before, and such a thing, it has to be considerably rare, because you can gain experience for your class.

It makes you more powerful by only eating it. Is this not the best?

As a parasite, this is something that you can’t miss, a gem.

“Alright, let’s search to see if there is something else. It’s a treasure hunt, Hana”

Taking Hana along, I started to walk around the forest.

While walking, we dug up mushrooms. It was the start of such graceful afternoon.

It would be good to find something more.

CHAPTER 31

A MUSHROOM IS SOMETHING THAT HAS A MYSTERIOUS POWER (2)

I found it.

After walking for a while in the forest, I found in the same way as before a group of mushrooms. It has approximately the same number as the one earlier, and in a similar place, the foot of a tree.

Nonetheless, this mushroom that lets you level up surely has to be rare.

Because we found ten times the amount compared with the other mushrooms but this mushrooms only looked normally delicious, so this is not such a delicious story,

Besides, even though I was delighted before, when you think about it, it only has the experience to let you level up from level one to three, so for me who is level 20, even if I eat it, it will not fill my stomach.

And that's why I decided to give the mushrooms to Hana.

Because if Hana level's up to a certain level, it will be able to fight with monsters, and for that surely it was correct answer to use the mushroom to boost Hana until then.

Also, all the more reason since I can also parasitize Hana.

I wasn't able to parasitize monsters or wild animals, so maybe it's because a summoned beast is a close existence to humans, a unique being.

By the way, when I used the skill communication with god, I tried parasitizing Rux, but it was useless. Although I think that it was natural because it was a image, so would I be able to do it to the genuine Rux?

I'm a little curious about it.

When I was thinking thinking things like that, Hana who was munching and devouring

the mushrooms greedily, had its mage class went up to level five.

Even though I parasitized Hana before it started to eat, and even the magnification is active my level didn't go up. As I expected, after becoming high level, it has no meaning to go looking for them given the amount of experience they give.

But it paid off to know that there are things like that.

If I go to a place where it has even more magic element than this forest, I will be able to find something with even more effect and I'm sure that it will give more experience,

I'll put that information in the middle of my head.

It happened just when I thought about finishing the walk in the forest after gaining that type of information.

A small sized animal, a Laurel Wolf appeared from the depths of the forest.

There was only one wolf in my surroundings.

Could it be that I lost sight of the way and it appeared because I entered its territory ?

The wolf approaches towards me fearless while growling.

“Hana, come back, I will—”

Faster than what I said, Hana activated its magic.

Hana began shooting magic arrows, and pierced the Laurel Wolf's shoulder.

The Laurel Wolf raised a “Kyain” cry, and with it, the wolf withdrew.

“Wow. You've done well, Hana”

As if it was displaying proudly its strength, Hana tackles the trunk of the tree.

It was as if Hana was tackling a pole that wrestlers strike in practice, and it was surprisingly powerful.

At glance it looks cute, but it's a summoned beast after all.

It has the sufficient battle power to fight.

If Hana level's up even more, Hana will become a reliable existence.

While anticipating that moment, this time we returned.

It seems that Hana who ate the various mushrooms we found is already filled, and even its stomach was inflated to the point that is was ready to explode. Besides, we have also fought again, so I released the summon of Hana as a rest after the meal.

Moreover, my magic was being slowly consumed while it was summoned. Or rather, that is the main cause. The decreasing amount was not much, but when you do it for so long, the amount isn't insignificant.

When I released the summon, Hana's figure disappeared together with light.

While thinking about eating mushrooms as my dinner, I returned to the town.

CHAPTER 32

I'LL TAKE A BREAK FOR TODAY

After finishing my walk with Hana, I returned to the inn.

After spending a great difficulty I passed the mushrooms to the old man of the inn, and he made me spaghetti filled with plenty mushrooms. A soup made with plentiful cream and cheese, and even a mushroom with a strong smell that doesn't lose with the others, combining the three, it becomes the delicious Trinity.

When I was enjoying the texture of the crispy mushroom, I thought for a moment that it was a waste to not sell it.

So for now I will preserve them in the space bag, as reserve.

It's not like I'm short on money.

Now that I'm filled, feeling good I laid down in the bed.

The next day, when I woke up, I ate mushroom soup as breakfast.

As I expected, eating something warm in a morning when the temperature is low is what heals you the best.

While eating, I thought about what I was going to do today but...

Yes, I was thinking about doing nothing today.

Recently I've been very active, so I want to take it easy today.

I went back to the bed and when I woke up it was already noon.

I was bored so somehow I started to putting in order the contents of the space bag.

Now that I have free time, I enter in such state that it gives me the desire to sort the inside as if it was a folder on the pc or sort them by height leaving them beautifully aligned.

Even though the capacity of the space bag has considerably grown, it's a waste to put unnecessary things inside, so I left those things together in the inn's room and then I started to organize the things.

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Ah, why are there three scissors? I'm sure that I forgot I bought one and went to buy more.

Why the hell and for what motive am I storing a tree plank?

Ah, there are some delicious baked sweets inside. Yes, they are delicious.

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“Sigh—I worked too well today”

I sorted the necessary things and the unnecessary ones, and then I stored the things I don't need to bring on a simple shelf of wood over the wall. I even thought seriously about the order of the things, it's perfect....!

While seeing the bag and the room which had been cleaned, a sense of accomplishment wrapped me. I threw myself into bed.

At that moment, I wasn't able to endure it more.

While I'm lying, I inhale the smell of the freshly clean room. Is there anything more beautiful than this? I'm sure there isn't.

I stayed the same way as I was, lying on the bed while chewing the happiness.

I kept lying there for a long time.

Doing nothing for almost thirty minutes, I opened and closed my eyes continuously while lying.

....Suddenly, I got up.

“I'm free”

Trying to sleep without doing anything is as one would expect, boring.

I want to do something but, there isn't nothing specially at the moment in my room to kill time.

What can I do?

After thinking for awhile, I left the inn and headed towards the block where numerous shops are aligned.

But today wasn't the same Iron Block as before.

It's a shopping district that was not given specially a name. By not giving it a name, it has nothing particularly special, there are only various normal shops selling daily necessities side by side.

My aim is a certain library.

Inside the store there is a big shelf, and there the books are aligned, some of them are a little dirty and torn. Even though there are arranged utensils and they had traces of being of high class, it seems that they were not being maintained.

It seems that books are high-class goods here, therefore, the masses don't buy them, they borrow the books. But even though it cost a considerable sum to buy one, borrowing them doesn't cost so much.

It's four silver coins in total for borrowing three books for a week.

Still it's more or less expensive but if you buy them it will not end in such low price. I think the price will multiply by ten.

The book I opened when I returned to inn was a picture book about the different monsters and wild animals living in this area.

The book didn't have color images, but it had the well-known Laurel Wolf and that fast rabbit which could run fast and even more pictures of monsters I had never seen before.

What was impressive was a monster that looked a giant beetle. In the reverse of the book there was a picture of the belly of the beetle making me remember how

disgusting it was.

And as expected, a lesser demon. WIth an appearance that gives the feeling of 'The demon', it rises by a level the impression of this fantasy world. A demon that has the horn of a goat. At glance, the appearance make it look fairly strong, and it seems that it's the same or stronger than the Cocytus Wolf. It's written to run away before dying if you meet with this monster.

It seems that the monster can be found in the third layer of the labyrinth, so it's likely that sooner or later I will meet it.

At that moment, an image appeared in the air.

【Shaman 13→14】

“Oh, a level up”

After reading a book, cleaning and sleeping, it seems that I leveled up.

After all, this is it, I have the feeling that I have used my ability a lot today.

Even though I think I didn't do much today, to tell the truth, this type of day where nothing happens is one of the more precious, yes.

And so I spent all day lazing around.

The biggest luxury is to waste time.

As expected, moving around without any aim is really good. I started to see it in a new light.

After severals days of rest, I passed my days borrowing books, eating while walking, taking naps, wasting time, and leveling up.

Let's rest with all my might tomorrow too.

CHAPTER 33

THE SECOND ABILITY OF THE PARASITE SKILL

After a few days after I started my vacations, I noticed something.

That something was that the speed of my level ups had become slow.

【Name】 Eiji=Choukai

【Class】 Parasite 27Mercenary 16Mage 8Swordsman 7Shinto Priest 14Hunter
14Shaman 14Fighter 3Miner 8Thief 10Spirit User 14Enchanter 15

【Stamina】 181

【Strength】 160

【Defense】 153

【Magic】 180

【Magic power】 178

【Magic resistance】 177

【Agility】 165

【Skill】 Magic power recovery upWeakeningPermanent summonCommunication
with GodServant summonChewing stonesBreath of lifeElement attackSpirit
magicSpirit perceptionMagic enhacementAttack enhancementMagic
amplificationHealing hand+Share painLong distance weapons masteryEnhacement
boostParasite • VisionParasite x4Parasite • ClassParasite • InfoParasite • GoldShort
ranged weapons masteryStrong AttackMagic tools masteryMagic arrowSword
masteryConsecutive swordsDispelBow mastery.....

And of course, my level has risen but not as fast as before. It has slowed considerably.

I can understand easily why it happened my level rose rapidly and thus I became strong, but it's not like the parasitized people can become strong like me, so the monsters they defeat, the experience they obtain won't change much.

That's why, no matter what, my growth has slowed after becoming high-level.

Even though the experience I get from my skill parasite is magnified, after all it's only four times per person.

So if the necessary experience to level up is four times or more their amount, then it's normal that it will slow down.

But well, I'm receiving the experience of four classes at the same time and even if it became slow, that in itself is a luxury. However, after you experience a level up with such amazing speed, you would think about wanting to taste it again.

It could be this what the people who borrows money feels when their income decreases but not their debt.

“But well”

I started to roll on the bed.

“There's no need to panic”

Because I don't have any necessity to raise my level.

I might be already the strongest in this town, and as long as I don't go towards a dangerous place on my own, I will not be defeated by monsters. And I don't have to worry about completing request because I also have money.

Something could happen in the future, but they say that if you talk about the next year, demons will laugh, so the only thing I can do is wait.

“...That's what I wanted to but”

I straightened and got out of bed.

Just recently I just thought of a good method.

Within the corridor of the cave, I look at my surroundings.

And when I'm sure no one is watching, I use **【Permanent summon】**

Together with a light, the magic pig with a flower blooming on its tail, Hana appeared.

Without feeling nervous at all, Hana gives a cry, and then starts going round around me.

“It’s good, good, today you are also lively”

When I crouch down and I start patting its back, Hana closes its eyes and makes a face as it were feeling really good.

Even though it’s cute, I will not let you only show your cute side today.

“It has come”

What came from the depths of the labyrinth was a plant type monster that looked like a dandelion after blowing the fluff. But its size was different from a normal dandelion, it had an average height of a human.

The enemy changed its root to a hairy foot to start approaching, Hana also started showing motivation, but I signaled Hana to wait and then I went ahead.

Even though the appearance of the plant type monster didn’t fit for it to be a physical type, the monster brandishing a robust leaf that has as arm came to attack me.

However, no monster on the first layer could become my opponent. Lightly exchanging blows, a strike was given using the sheath of the sword towards what it seems to be the body or the stalk.

The offensive power of the monster decreased rapidly after it began to totter.

“Good! Now it’s the time, Hana, finish it!”

I withdrew to the back.

And at the same time that Hana received the signal, Hana started attacking with magic arrows, and even took the initiative to go ahead and tackle the monster.

As the monster was weakened, it couldn’t evade nor counterattack, when received the final blow, it wilted.

Hana raises a cry of happiness.

The level went up just after that moment.

...Good.

Being in a good condition I was able to weaken the monster's strength, and so Hana was able to deliver the final blow. And like I planned, Hana was able to get a lot of experience.

A strong person defends a weak person, so defeating an enemy which you wouldn't be able to defeat alone will make you level up at high speed.

So to speak, it's a way to level up where the weak takes advantage of a strong person.

If I use this then I could be able to effectively increase the leveling speed of Hana, making Hana fight against strong enemies that in other way it wouldn't be able to fight.

But my goal is not only that.

I extend my hand, confirming that the golden light is connected with Hana.

I have the **【Parasite】** skill.

Using parasite, I can obtain and amplify the experience that the parasitized person obtains.

That itself is amazing, but if I entrust everything to the parasitized person then I would be able to obtain four times the amount. But if the parasitized person is only able to defeat weak monsters, the original experience will not be much even if it's four times the amount.

But if I use this method, then the person parasitized would be able to defeat monsters which previously was not able to. The base experience that I could win by making them defeating monster would increase exponentially.

For example, in this Paienne Labyrinth, I had the sensation that If I go to a layer lower, the experience I could get would increase at least tenfold.

Because you can't compare the dandelion with the ogre. It's not a joke to say that there could be even more difference.

So if I do the same in the second layer like I'm doing in the first layer, leaving Hana defeat the monsters alone, then I will be able to obtain ten times or more the amount of experience.

The originally four times will become ten times the amount. It's more, because the experience enters with both parasite and mage classes, the total is 80 times the amount!

If you speak of fighting then I need to act like the one who is parasitized and raise the other people levels, and if you speak of skills, then I only need to parasitize other people. If I use these two kinds of ideas, I will be able to raise the leveling speed like never before.

"Thanks to Hana a new horizon has been opened. I had never thought of the idea of helping other people raise their levels, but if you think about it, is it not something simple? Being parasitized and parasitizing, it was the correct answer to use this loop"

Not only me parasitizing other people, but letting the other parasitize too.

To have a spirit of cooperation is noble.

After that, while we were walking through the first layer of the Paienne Labyrinth, we hunted monsters. Thanks to the mushroom like monsters, Hana's level went up to some degree, and because the skill Hana knows, the mutual parasitic hunting went okay.

Hana's level and I, and even my mage class went up as we advanced, and as planned, we managed to increase our forces.

But what surprised me on our way was that Hana ate the monster it defeated.

Though I was already aware that it could eat anything, I never expected that it would start eating monsters starting with the dandelion and even continue eating without the slightest hesitation the imp that looked like a little demon.

Even though it's able to eat normal food, it seems that it can also eat monsters. As expected, it's because it's a summoned **【Beast】**? I corrected my thinking.

At last we went towards the second layer entrance, challenging the monsters in the same way as before.

We were able to raise the levels here too using the same tactic against the ogres and the giant spiders. At first, because I took a defensive posture I made mistakes and almost I ended defeating the monsters, but after doing for a while I grabbed the trick,

and succeeded in making Hana deliver the final blow.

With that enthusiasm, we hunted a considerable amount of monsters and by the time we reached the teletransportation crystal——

Hana 【Mage 5→13】

Eiji 【Mage 8→17, Parasite 27→28】

I felt super good.

I was able to taste the pleasant feeling of leveling a lot in one go after a long time, and if in the future when I want to raise my level like today, I need to let them parasitize off me.

This will be fun from now on.

CHAPTER 34

FOR SOME REASON AN IDEA COMES TO MY MIND WHILE IN THE BATHROOM

After improving my second idea for the parasite skill, I went towards the entrance using the teleportation crystal.

And it was when I left behind the labyrinth and returned to the inn that it happened. Hana's body began to shine suddenly.

“Uwaa, so dazzling...! This is the same as before”

The same phenomenon as when Hana ate its first meal.
What's going on—

“Master, I'm hungry”

I heard a voice from the light.
...A voice?

While I was in doubt the light calmed down, and what appeared was a body covered completely in leaves, a summoned beast similar to a mop made of leaves.

So this is the evolution of this summoned beast?
No matter how you look at it, isn't it completely different from before?

However, its eyes were big and round as usual so I'm a little relieved.

“But, it talked!?”
“I became able to speak after growing”
“It's because of something like that?”

Hana bends what it seems to be its chest while making a proud expression.
I never thought it would reach the point where it's able to speak. The evolution is amazing.

“Master, I’m hungry”

“But I’m sure that you ate a considerable amount a while ago”

“I want to eat more”

It’s brimming with appetite, but doesn’t that mean it wants to fight against monsters? If it can hunt alone even when I’m not at its side, then everything is perfect, I don’t have any reason to stop it.

There is today’s level up too, and now that it has evolved so it is possible for it to walk on two legs and use tools with its two hands.

If it’s like this now then.

“Can you do it alone?”

“...! Of course!”

Oh, it seems really glad.

Which reminds me that until now I never let it act alone.

It’s already in the age where it wants to do things alone.

“It’s good if I go?”

Opening its eyes greatly like a black soybean, Hana stares at me.

As it seems that it also has plenty intelligence, it might have understood to some degree the strength of the monsters that it will hunt today, so I don’t think Hana will do a careless thing and end injured.

In case I’m worried I can use 【Parasite • Vision】 to see its situation, so, yes, I don’t see any problem.

“Yes, you can behave wildly. But don’t kill yourself”

“Of course. Because master made me fight against different types of monsters is that I’m completely sure. Today, all day long, master used his spare time for my sake and fought, supporting me. You even gave me mushrooms. That I was able to grow up was all thanks to master! I’m really grateful”

As if it were a wave, Hana start gradually bending starting from the waist.

Before I was aware, Hana even remembered how to bow. Well done.

“You don’t have to go so far, because it’s tied to my overall strength. Then, take care”

“Yes!”

After handing over some simple weapons, armors and medicine, Hana almost fell off started running towards the nearby forest.

When you look at it from distance, it really seems like seeing a mop moving at high-speed.

Hmm, a funny view.

If from now on it is possible for it to defeat monsters on its own accord even if we don't go together, then it will really help me earn the income like today in troublesome days. Let's leave Hana to take care of everything sometimes when I have spare magic power.

Then, let's return?

...However, before that.

I didn't go back immediately, but I decided to return after passing through a bathhouse near the inn.

I already sweated all day working hard in the labyrinth, I decided to wash my sweat immediately.

There is a public bathhouse in this Laurel town. Something to be grateful of.

The bathhouse had the atmosphere of being a high class bathhouse.

There is a changing room, and even several bathrooms.

There is a wide bathtub filled with hot water ready to use the moment you enter, and there is also another room with cold water. You can feel refreshed there after using the hot water.

It seems that there is a water service passing under the town, and the water they bring from there is heated. I think that it's quite amazing technology.

Something that surprised me is that they are using a room filled with vapor as a sauna. The enthusiasm of the people in this world towards the bath is quite impressive.

Normally I finish wiping my body with a wet towel, but sometimes I come here.

Unlike rich people, the common people doesn't have baths in their houses. Of course, the place where I'm staying doesn't have a bathroom, so this place is a lifesaver.

First I wash my body and then I enter into the bathtub.

It has a superb temperature... Ha~

I start to relax after closing my eyes, recovering from my fatigue.

As expected, the bathtub is the best. Even though I can feel refreshed with a shower as well, this is comfortable and it heals you. After using it for a while... Fuu~ I can't get enough of this.

“So you too are a bath lover? What a coincidence, I too”

“Yes, after all this is the best... Eh, that voice... Felipe!?”

After opening my eyes to see where the voice came, at my side was a man with red hair and with slightly almond-shaped eyes who I remember seeing before.

The craftsman from the magic tool shop, Felipe.

“I never thought that we would meet in such place”

I wanted to have a carefree day alone, but well, it's ok to have something like this occasionally.

I heard the sound of the hot water splashing, but because of my mood I was able to forgive something small like that.

“Do you come here often?”

“Well, occasionally. And you Felipe?”

“Needless to say. Coming here is useful for refreshing my head. But what I especially like is the vapor bath. That is something good, you have to try other things beside the bathtub, Eiji”

“I have used it occasionally, but it makes you perspire. If I have to chose one, I like wiping the sweat”

“Saying something like that... Well, maybe it's early for you”

Felipe lifted his hair, and started laughing as if he had won.

Why are you acting like an expert when you only like the sauna.

Even I can enter in something like a sauna.

“You are the one who seems to not understand completely the good of the bathtubs. The sensation of the water gently stroking your body... No, it's useless, this competition. Leaving that aside, how do you do in your work? Were you able to discover how to treat the material?”

After questioning, Felipe splashed hot water on his face.

A long breath came after.

“It’s quite difficult. But even if I say that, it’s not like I don’t know how to use it. As long as I have it in my hand, I will have a breakthrough”

“Is that the truth? So even if it’s difficult, you will be able to manage somehow”

“It’s not guaranteed. Even if I know the way to deal with the material, the execution is difficult. The way I found need a high-concentrated yet high purity magic crystal, but you can’t find something like that easily. Therefore, I started thinking about another method that did not need that, but I don’t know which will be the fastest, obtaining the crystal or thinking of another method. But well, thinking about this and that is interesting”

Broadly grinning, Felipe lift the edge of his mouth.

That expression of enjoyment that come from the bottom of his heart, it’s exactly the expression that ‘The craftsman’ has to have.

Though it’s little strange fellow, his attitude toward the work is the real thing.

“A magic crystal, eh?”

Similar to magic, the origin of this particular power is the magic element.

After it’s gathered, the magic element hardens becoming a magic stone or a magic crystal.

With the magic crystal method the purity is higher. So if you tell me that you among them you need a high quality one, then I can imagine how difficult it could be.

“Eiji, you’re an adventurer, right? A capable one to the point where you are able to obtain that type of rare material. If it is so, then go to find a magic crystal”

“Hey, hey, don’t say it so carelessly. Since I was prepared to die. It’s more, if we don’t know where the place is, finding it will be——Adventurer? An adventurer?”

It could always work to ask an adventurer.

I’m sure they have every kind of information, and it could be possible for them to have what I’m looking.

I think that someone will give me the information I’m looking if I give them a reward, and it could be good to also place a request. It’s likely that depending on the reward, they would look with all their might.

Wait, wait a second.

This situation is it not the ‘killing two birds with one stone’?

That’s right, if I do that——

Unintentionally I clapped my hands together in the hot water.

“What happened? Grinning like that”

“Fufufu, no, no, it’s nothing important. It’s that something came to my mind”

I don’t need to place a reward, I only need to help with the request.

Even though I’m restricted by my rank, I can receive requests one rank above mine. It’s only that I can’t do them because of their degree of difficulty.

My turn comes there, I will help them.

If it’s the adventurers of this town, then my ability is known a little. From the moment I defeated the Cocytus Wolf, more or less, the estimation of everyone towards me is low but even so, most of the adventurers believes that I have a power higher than average adventurer.

That’s why I will not present a reward or a request, but in exchange for helping them in their training to improve, I think that I can ask for a magic crystal.

However, the true purpose is more than obtaining a magic crystal, by helping the adventurers, they will be able to defeat monsters above their rank.

And like I did with Hana, using the other way of parasitizing with the adventurers, I will be able to obtain experience from a variety of classes.

Even if the request ends, from now on, to go towards a high rank even if I don’t partake anymore, I need to invite people and make them hunt in excess.

But if I suddenly say things like wanting to help them raising their levels for nothing, they will suspect me. There is no mistake thinking that they will think that there is surely a ulterior motive.

That is the flaw of using the parasite skill in that way. How can I let other people parasitizing off me without any resistance?

But if I say that it’s because the reward or the remuneration?

A man with good intentions is doubted, but they will believe me if it’s something like give and take. This is sad.

I look towards the ceiling where the drops of water are thickly attached.

A drop falls to my forehead hitting me.

That’s why, this can work.

If it's like this, then I can obtain the two things that I want at the same time. A magic crystal as a reward for helping, and additionally, I can obtain experience. Is this not something extremely delicious? Using the double parasitism, I can obtain double the reward. I can't do nothing but go, to the adventurers guild.

CHAPTER 35

THE PAIR OF THE FOUR MAN GROUP

Eureka! Eureka!

After almost not being able to endure my urge to scream I left behind the bathhouse after properly wearing my clothes.

I went straight and quickly towards the adventurers guild.

It was already evening, but even so there was a reasonable number of people, talking with sake in hand or having a light meal. It was like the atmosphere of a simple bar.

While looking at the appearance of such a guild, I started thinking who to choose. I can roughly remember having seen all the people here.

Because the majority of the people in this place were parasitized I know their classes and levels.

I could not decide without thinking about what class I'm going to level up or what person I'm going to choose.

At that moment, the figure of Veil crossed through my field of vision.

That's right, I approached Veil after remembering that I can wish for anything from her. But at that moment the other party noticed me and started walking towards me.
"Eiji! It has been a long time since you have come to the adventurer guild"
Veil spoke excitedly and even her body seemed to be bouncing cheerfully.

Lured by her actions, I also raised my tone and answered her.

"Yes, it has been a long time, Veil. I was spending my days with ease, but now I have a little errand to do"

"Errand? The way you say it, it's not like a request?"

"Yes, you're right"

As we speak I thought about if it's good to use Veil as a object for the double parasite plan or not, but it seems that she is leveling up her mercenary class considerably.

Seeing that, it makes me want to level up some other class.

“It’s about that, I have something to request of you, Veil”

“A request? Of course, you can request me anything. Like I said when you saved me”
Veil hit her chest saying that I can leave it to her.

These are the times when she becomes reliable.

While hiding about the parasite thing, I explain to Veil the details.

That for my plan to go well, I need her to look for someone. Even though I’m looking for a person with a high rank, I told her that I wanted her to tell me if there is a person who seems to be passing through quite a difficult time. That it would be good if that person is capable of joining together as a group with others.

“I understood. As promised, I have to return what I borrowed with the best of my effort. ...But you know, Eiji, something like that it’s okay?”

“Okay? There was a problem with what I said?”

“There isn’t a problem... But after saying with trouble about accepting any request you had for me, I’m wondering if something simple like that will be okay”

“No, no, I never had the intention of forcing you to do something unreasonable. Besides, this is what I need the most at this moment”

After saying like, with a troubled expression Veil scratches her head.

“Ye~s. I wonder if waiting is useless”

“Waiting? For what?”

“It’s nothing, I’m talking to myself. I need to think about a strategy”

Waving vigorously her neck, Veil was with a thoughtful look.

“I’m really grateful that you are thinking about what I talked with so much eagerness”

“It’s not about what you talked, it’s about my current strategy”

“I have no idea what you’re talking about any longer”

“Ahaha, it’s alright. I’m thinking seriously about that too. You can leave it to me!”

Veil appeals to me showing her determination showing me her clenched fist, and immediately went to talk to others adventurers.

I didn't understand very well, but if she will do it, then it's okay.

Nothing would help me so much more than Veil selecting previously and carefully people who seems able to accept my requests.

Because if I'm continuously refused one after another my heart would break. So I only need to wait for the results.

— I wanted to do that, but I changed my mind and tried calling at least one time.

Because just at that moment I found a person who seems to be able to accept my conditions.

“It has been a long time”

“Nn? Ah—, Eiji! It's been a while”

The moment the female adventurer noticed me calling her, she grabbed my hand and starting waving up and down.

The adventurer next to her, with a composed manner gave a small nood.

“You saved us that time. And thanks to that, we can continue being adventurers”

Yes, the ones who I called where the adventurers who were injured and which I helped in the Painne Labyrinth.

From the four man group of that moment, the ones I found were the male leader and two females.

“I am glad to hear that”

“I'm seriously glad! My guardian angel”

With my hands still gripped, the female adventurers shakes even more my hand.

What a lively child.

Rather, it seems that my shoulder would come off.

“You were okay since that? You handed us the recovery medicine”

“Well, I managed to do it somehow. And I even found something rare”

“Ooh—, that's amazing. If you didn't save us at that moment, about now we would be nothing more than bones being chewed by a wolf. You've done very well in returning

alive after saving us”

“Really. And yet, they say that you are a rookie who registered recently. We are in same adventurers guild as a monstrous man”

The man adventurer nods earnestly while touching his beard.

I shook my head while scratching my temple.

“No, um, it’s wasn’t something so important. Back to the topic, I’m looking for a material that I need in order to deal with the materials that I found at that time——” I briefly explained them the situation.

And just like I planned, I offered to help them with their request without a part of the reward in exchange of the magic crystal.

“You don’t need to do such thing”

The man adventurer declared immediately.

Eh, this developed a little different to what I thought.

“We are in your debt. So, it’s unnecessary for you to help us. Even if we don’t gain anything, for your sake we will look for information and the crystal”

“No——, I will be troubled if you do that”

“Troubled?”

“Ah, it’s not like I will be troubled, that’s incorrect, yes, if you do so much only for the medicines, I will feel really guilty. What I’m looking for is the magic crystal and it’s really rare so it would be too much to ask in exchange for what I did. That’s why, if you let me help you with your request——”

Almost about to fail because the other party possessed a strong sense of duty, but somehow when I was about to try fixing it, unexpectedly, the one who supported me was female adventurer.

“He is right, Georg. It’s like he said, let’s have him help us——”

“Hey, Mimi. What are you doing making him help us when we need to return our debt”

“Isn’t it alright? I’m a person who thinks that good will has to be accepted honestly, you don’t think so? Hey, ah... I don’t know your name”

So these two are Mimi and Georg?

I didn’t know their names until now.

“I’m Eiji. It’s like Mimi said, Georg-san. If I were really a burden I will not say it. Besides, a high purity magic crystal is in a place where a thick magic element resides, and if I want look for it, then I thought it would be better to accumulate experience doing hard requests. In other words, I will also profit”

“Look, look, look, look, look— Eiji is also saying that, let’s ask him. Just now, there wasn’t a request you were aiming for? A difficult one”
Mimi raised her fist emphasizing.

It’s good that this child is simple. It’s something to be grateful for.

Alternately comparing our faces, Georg sighs.
“I understand. I will ask you, Eiji. Please support us”
I did it, the negotiations were successful!

Now I can train by training these two people.
“Yes, let’s work hard together”
I answered vigorously.

CHAPTER 36

THE ATTACKED VILLAGE SURINO

The aligned buildings were small compared to Laurel.
A vast field stands out, I'm passing through the grasslands near the town while the cows and the horses were eating.

This is the Sunori village.
The place where Eiji together with George and Mimi came to complete the request they accepted.

“It has been three hours in that swaying wagon~ We have arrived at the Sunori village~ We have a strong supporter, so today is going to be completely safe, an easy victory~”

“Mimi, you’re singing a strange song again...”

“It’s not strange. I thought about becoming a singer if I didn’t make it as a adventurer!”

George looked towards me and shrug his shoulders.
It seems that these two people are always in high spirit.

After reaching a mutual agreement, immediately we received the request that these two had in mind, and we came to Sunori the next morning after procuring one wagon.

When I got off the wagon, I completely stretched my body.
It was enjoyable to see the scenery like the grasslands, forest and rivers in the swaying wagon, but being confined in the wagon made my body creak.
Fuu, the sense of liberation is irresistible.

“Then, let’s get going to the client?”
“Yes, go, go”

Taking the lead, we went towards the client’s house.
Even if I said that this is a village, it’s not to the point that it feels like being a rural area. A difference from Laurel, the ratio of fields and cattle here is increased and the overall of shopping districts and the like was made in small scale. But I’m relieved that it’s not to the point where I will have problems staying here.

According to the map, we went towards the client's place and heard the full story. The officer, the one who established something like a union of agriculture in this Sunori village, told us that such incidents where the cattle was killed is happening recently and frequently.

It even appeared to have injured people.

The request is to strike the nest where the monster resides, but it seems that this monster is quite a strong one according to what the client heard from the one who witnessed the attacks.

As he knew from where it came and like the saying, 'strike while the iron is hot' we immediately headed to that place.

"What do you think, Eiji? You think you're able to do it?"

"Yes, if it's like the information, then I'm completely sure. I have fought against a big spider before"

"So you fought against such disagreeable fellow, eh, Eiji. A giant spider pierced the horse's neck with a needle and started sucking its fluids! ...That had to be very frightening"

"That means that everything is okay as long as we are not pierced by its needle"

"Indeed~ You're intelligent, Eiji"

"You have to use your head a bit more, Mimi"

Being said that by George, Mimi shows 'Hii' teeths.

George is a bearded man in the prime of his life, and Mimi is a petite girl who changes her expressions frequently, a girl in her teens.

These two are like cousins separated by a large age, it calms you down.

„That reminds me.

If you speak of two people.

"By the way, the other two? I forgot until now"

While walking toward our destination which was on the side of the mountain, I asked. I remembered that the last time they were a group of four.

"Ah, we were four people in the labyrinth, right. They are doing a different request by themselves. They are collecting shells at a lake near Laurel. Well—It's not like we are always together even if we get along well. We form groups between us depending what

request caught our attention, something like that”

I understand, they form a group of four people when they are going to do a big job. Before was because they were all excited about capturing the labyrinth. This time, these two are forming a group, the thief Mimi and the miner George. A useful class even if you exclude the combat side, let's put fully into action the parasite class?

After walking for awhile, we finally arrived at our destination, the foot of the bald mountain.

The giant rocks were rolling, in the ground there were strange profound dents and the like, and even though it wasn't a forest there was considerably number of blind spots. The ground was soft sand, so it was not easy to move around.

The giant spider is a monster that appears in the Paienne Labyrinth's second layer, a fairly formidable enemy for both of them.

“Be careful. It may appear suddenly and the ground is bad”

Both of them nod to my words, they took their weapons and they put on guard. I also look to my surroundings carefully——I see, so it already came?

Noticing the sand at my left side rising, while looking at the rock, I point towards it without speaking.

While making faces of being surprised, both of them head towards that place with weapons in hand.

“Haa!”

At the same time the spider shows its appearance, I kicked the ground. It's difficult to bring out speed in this soft sand so I kicked the rock while being on its top, and with a second kick from the rock, I charged towards the monster's body. Without giving time to the monster to attack, I cut more than half one of his eight feet, I crushed its fangs. A green fluid scattered.

“Now it's the time!”

Watching my movements in mute amazement, both of them headed towards the spider in amazement.

The spider struggles, but in its current situation where it lost its fighting strength, George and Mimi were declared as the winner. There was a part where they were a

little afraid but they were able to easily and safely defeat the enemy.

“We did it! We defeated it, and to such a monster!”

“Yes, I was surprised. I saw a similar fellow in the second layer of the labyrinth but this was bigger”

Both of them look to each other face not believing what happened.

Then I turn my head towards them.

“As I expected, nothing is like actually seeing it. In a blink of an eye you cornered it to the verge of death, Thanks to Eiji even we were able to fight against this monsters, you really are a formidable guy”

“No, it was nothing amazing. A big part of that was because I took it by surprise——It came again”

This time the giant spider appeared by the shade of the rock.

The monster shot a thread but because the speed wasn't so great I was able to evade it easily.

In the same way that happened before, to let these two deliver the final blow I crush several feets and fangs leaving it incapacitated.

“Good. leave it to me. I will finish it again!”

Mimi immediately retort me, currying favor with me.

The compound eye was torn up with the dagger, she shows me a triumphant smile.

But at that moment, the spider raised its good foot, and its sharp tip it's pointed towards Mimi.

“Mimi!”

“Eh—?”

Reacting to George's voice, recognizing the danger, Mimi opened her eyes in astonishment.

But I already had begun to move.

It seems difficult to stop it with the damage that the magic arrows do.

So I will stop it face to face. Accumulating the skills 【Boost】 , 【Speed enhancement】 and 【Sylph】 , I speed up and I appear in front of Mimi. I stop the giant's spider big

foot with the stomach of the sword, and without changing, I cut it and it flew away.

“Eiji— ...”

“Let’s finish it in one go!”

“Yes!”

Mimi brandish the dagger with all her strength and without changing, she thrust the dagger until she tears the mouth. The giant spider started convulsing, and this time surely it depleted all its strength.

...Sigh, thank god I was able to reach in time.

I leaked a big sigh.

I failed by letting this become a dangerous situation. Maybe I needed to weaken it a bit more. I made it so to not finish the monsters, but it seems that I need still to consider its condition. Safety first.

When I was thinking things like that, I noticed Mimi staring at me. I opened my mouth.

“I’m sorry, I let you experience something dangerous”

“Why is Eiji apologizing? I was the one who relaxed the guard”

“It’s because I was the one who invited you all. To a dangerous request above of your rank. That’s why I don’t have other choice but to pay more attention, and because at first everything went ok, I relaxed my guard. I will be more careful from now on”

Saying that, I bowed.

When I lift my face a little, I saw Mimi staring at me with a face who seems to be angry and about to cry.

“Uu— Idiot, idiot, don’t apologize! Because I was who relaxed her guard. Because you, Eiji were really cool when you saved me”

She started fiercely beating her chest.

At the same moment, George tap my shoulder.

“That’s right, it’s not something for why you should be bowing. It was possible to finish it with her ability in that moment. But that happened because we relaxed our guard after our first victory. I too, because I was careless seeing that I wasn’t following Mimi. The ones who will have to be careful this time, are we”

“...Thank you, George, Mimi. You are right, all of us should concentrate. There is never an easy request”

George and Mimi nodded together.

【Thief 10→11】

“Oh, I leveled up!”

At the same moment that a display indicating that she leveled up, she raised her voice. It seems that I also leveled like Mimi.

“I also raised my level just now, how is it possible to growth so quickly? When defeating monsters like these”

“Yes, it's amazing, amazing. Let's kill more monsters”

“You are a such self-interested gal. You have to control yourself”

“I already know that. Let's go Eiji, let's go with a bang”

Mimi got in a good mood after leveling up? Grabbing my hand, she pulled me towards the depths of the rocky area,

Even though there was a little accident, I'm leveling seriously and moving forward with the request at the same time. Let's continue going with this enthusiasm.

CHAPTER 37

GROWTH

After that we continued working hard in dealing with the extermination of the giant spiders.

There were other monsters besides the spider but as we defeated them as well, a few days passed while we continued changing places.

Making use of their reflection of what happened on the first day, George and Mimi always stayed near me, observing the monster's movement in detail for the moment when it's their time to act.

Safety first, as I expected, this is the basic.

I tried using the parasite skill on the monsters we met on our way, but like always without any reaction, the light disappeared together with a feeling of being misfired. I thought that it was possible to do it because I was able to do it with the summoned beast, but it seems that there will be no development in particular where I will be able to suddenly do it because I leveled up.

thinking for a moment about how delicious it could have been to parasitize a strong carnivorous monster, but I have no choice but to continue parasitizing humans.

Doing this and that we continued defeating the spiders and other monsters, and finally we completed the request.

The only thing left to do is to report to the client and return to Laurel town, but after passing great troubles in coming here, I will buy and eat the Sunori special product; a sausage, before returning.

It seems that the sheep's here are delicious.

“Uwaa, juicy! The meal after the request is delicious!”

Using the skewer to pierce the sausage that was served, Mimi started filling her mouth after blowing on the food with a ‘Fuu Fuu’.

I also started to eat without delay... Wow!

It lives up to its reputation, it's delicious. The feeling of tearing apart the tight skin was pleasant, the flavor was confined strongly inside the meat. Even though it looked like ketchup, the strong point of this sauce produced in Sunori was its sweetness, and it suited this food the best.

Now I will have to return occasionally to this village even if I don't have any request to do.

After having enough of the speciality, we returned to the guild in the same wagon that we came in in order to report the request.

I firmly refused part of the reward since my payment was making them looking for a magic crystal.

Because, I have 【Parasite • Gold】 , you know?

Rather, I'm sorry for being the one who receives the most.

Also I was able to considerably level up 【Thief 10→18】 and 【Miner 8→18】 classes. I was able to learn 【Speed boost】 and 【Discern (Mineral)】 among the new skills I have obtained.

A superb result, I think that I can say that my plan for first campaign was a complete success.

“You are really okay with this? You are even giving us part of your reward”

In front of the guild, while touching his beard, George asked again.

“Yes, it's okay. Instead, if you happen to find what I asked for, I want you to hand it over me without fail. It's like an investment. Because if I think about buying it normally, it would be even more expensive than what I get for my reward”

“In other words, you are gambling on us. In case we don't find it your loss will be the reward, but if we find it, your gain would be what it would cost you to buy the magic crystal. Interesting, I like those kinds of things. Eiji, I'm sure that we will find it. George, you have to do your best”

George grabbed the head of Mimi who was beating his chest with a ‘don don’, and used an iron claw to finish.

“Nuo~o!”

“Mi • mi • , you are the one who has to do your best! Because he even saved your life. —Eiji, you can leave it to us. We not only were able to finish this request, we were even able to improve our strength thanks to you, Eiji. Now this power will even help us with our explorations”

“Yes, yes, even I was surprised by the suddenly leveling up. This is awesome, the effect of defeating monsters above our rank. And Eiji who is able to defeat such monsters is

even more amazing! Also, thank you. You saved me. You were super cool"

After removing the hand from her head, Mimi started laughing while exposing her protruding tooth.

Wow.

The stimulation of being said that so straightforward is too strong.

But as one would expect, being told that by a teeneager doesn't look good— No, wait, maybe because it's a different world it's okay?

No, no, saying that I was cool when I saved her has to be like when a electrician fixes a short circuit. I don't have to misunderstand that and be so cocky.

You need to be careful when saying things like that to an unpopular guy because then it will become something troublesome, you don't want that, Mimi?

After calming myself down, I told them to call me again if something come up again before parting ways.

At any rate, the double parasitism went well.

Even though for a moment it was dangerous, thanks to Mimi and George leveling up without stopping I also was able to level up.

Now these two will make even more progress in their daily adventures as adventurers since they have become strong, so when I parasitize them again in the future the efficiency will go up.

If I do this with the other classes I want, then it's perfect.

It's time for Veil's results of her investigation to come up... Fufufu, Haaahaaha.

Ah~I can't wait for it.

After returning to the inn in a very good mood after a long time, my dinner was more luxurious than usual after telling them that I had finished my request. Thank you, old man from the inn.

Next day I called Veil when I got to the adventurers guild.

Veil who had completed the investigation like I asked to her, passed me a list.

After giving my thanks to Veil, I listened to her talking while I gathered all the information about the classes that I already know and then decided on who I was to choose.

So like I did with George and Mimi, I approached with a proposal and started the

strengthening strategy.

Of course, there were some who rejected me, but after paying a little extra money or going with people who wants the same things as me, after saying that I would help them, I was able to gather a considerable amount of people to collaborate.

This was my first time doing something like this, but everything went quite well. Because everything went well I was able to raise the level of the people who collaborated with me a lot, and so I also grew considerably. It went much better than what I expected, so accidentally I let out a chuckle.

I continued following my plan for a while, so I was able to raise the level of a splendid number of classes.

I think all the classes that could be possible for me to level up in this town (that I'm aware) with my double parasitism were mostly leveled up.

Unexpectedly, the variation of classes between the adventurers were not so many. There were a lot of adventurers with the class warrior or mage, but few had noncombat class or unique ones.

After all, people work according to what suits them, adventurers who fight mostly have miner or farmer classes, that means that people who have almost no potential would not even try.

But well, I'm sure if you have a farmer class you would be doing better in agriculture, rather than being an adventurer.

“Oh, it’s Ally”

While I was lost in my thoughts thinking about all my accomplishment until now, I saw Ally’s figure.

Sometimes I catch sight of her, and sometimes we pass each other when I look to cooperate with others in a request, so I’m wondering if she was training diligently until now?

For a moment while I remained looking at Ally while thinking, she turned around and our eyes met.

Ally stopped moving, and then she fixedly stared at me.

With a smile on my face, I raised my hand and started waving as a greeting.

But then, Ally started to approach me slowly but with big stride.

At the next moment, she stops just in front of me with her lips closed tightly and with

a horrifying expression she stares at me.

Eh, what, what is happening?
Did I do something wrong?
Ally doesn't seem to be very angry.

"Why I was not invited?"

"...Eh?"

"You completed request with other people, you explored the labyrinth and you even went adventuring, but why you did not call me!?"

Ally who was intensely and perplexedly staring at me takes a deep breath, but since she wasn't able to suppress her reason and anger, she said it with a furious sounding voice.

CHAPTER 38

TOGETHER WITH ALLY

Holding me down while talking with a calm voice but without being able to conceal her resentment, Ally said to me [Why did you go adventuring together with other people without calling me?]

At last she said it.

But, but, she is right.

“But if I don’t remember wrong you said the last time we met that you were going to be in your house training. Alone”

“That is, um... I said that. I said that but! But, is it not obvious that I am going to be envious after seeing you having fun adventuring in front of me? If you are going to have adventures with so many different people then you may as well invite me too”

I see, so Ally also wanted to go on adventures together.

She must be really tired from training all by herself.

“I see. If it was like that, it would have been better if you had told me earlier”

“But, after having declared that I would be training alone, is it not obvious that it would be hard for me to say something like that? If you were to tell me something like ‘it’s already time for us to go together to the labyrinth’ or ‘let’s do a request together’, I was already prepared to say ‘Yes’, but even though we passed each other, you did not invite me”

Ally lowered her hand while clenching it tightly.

Despite this, she’s always gentle and has a soft manner.

“It is unfair that you are only going with other people, I also want to go on adventures with you. I am at my limit of endurance! ...Please, don’t make me say this”

Ally turns her face away with a “Fuu”.

The appearance of lightly biting her lips looks a lot like an obstinate child.

I see, Ally also had a side like this to her.

It's unexpected but rather because it's unexpected it's that maybe she is glad that she is able to show an unexpected side of her.

"I have already acknowledged your strength, so I was thinking of going together again if the occasion arises. But because you told me you were going to train on your own I restrained myself. If Ally were to tell me something like, I have already trained enough, then I would have invited without missing a second"

"Is that right? ...N, no, but, I also have a little of pride but... No, you are right, in the end I ended taking back my words on my accord. Moreover, I took a bad attitude and ended complaining in a loud voice..."

Ally's face reddened rapidly, and somewhat embarrassedly she rearranged the position of the hand that she had lowered before to the front of her stomach.

With a voice that sounded like it could disappear at any time, she said.

"I apologize, I have revealed a shameful behaviour on my own. I will return home"

"No, no, wait, you don't have to go"

When I became aware of what I've done again, as if she wasn't able to endure another second being here, Ally started walking towards the guild's exit but I was able to stop her somehow.

"I don't care about that! Saying things like you were embarrassed, rather, I also wanted to see your spirit magic after not seeing it for a while. You really helped me saying that"

"You are kind, Eiji-sama. I have never met someone who was so kind as to behave as if they had never heard what I had said before"

"No, it's not that I'm kind, I'm really thinking what I said, it's the truth"

Actually, what I said before about wanting to go together in adventures with Ally was not a lie. She is the most powerful adventurer that I know, so it's not like I don't have an interest in her.

Ally nods with her face still red.

"I was discourteous, being so obstinate despite you going so far as to pay attention to me. Please, let me depend of your kindness, Eiji-sama. I will do my best to apologize for what I've done!"

"No, you don't have to go that far"

Therefore, it ended with the two of us doing request together.
Since we went to the labyrinth last time, we decided to try doing a request.

But when we went to check what type of request we could accept, unexpectedly, we found that the two of us were worrying about the same request.
And that was, a request from the Sunori village.
Because their people and cattle were attacked, in order to find the cause they made a request, but even so, among the victims, people were found dead with their blood sucked out.

Why is this here again if I've already solved it?
We hadn't finished the job with what we had done?

I was worried, so once again, it made me want to see their situation.
And for Ally, it seems that the word bodies with their blood sucked out caught her attention.

After having only left for a few weeks, once again, I headed towards Sunori village.

To investigate the Sunori village blood sucking incident, I and Ally headed out immediately.
I was traveling in the same wagon as the last time.

Since I have plenty of time, I will review the new changes of my status before the request.

【Name】 Eiji=Choukai
【Class】 Parasite 32Mercenary 16Mage 14Swordsman 16Shinto priest 21Hunter
14Shaman 22Fighter 15Miner 18Thief 19Spirit user 18Enchanter 20Farmer 20
【Stamina】 221
【Strength】 212
【Defense】 204
【Magic】 230
【Magic power】 229
【Magic resistance】 245
【Agility】 210
【Skill】 The way of stealthNimble fingers 2Magic strengtheningWeakening spellThe

law of allIndomitabilityFire_fieldFarm tools masteryJudge (Earth)Nourishment transformationAnti barrier spellSpeed boostStatus drainForce crops growthJudge (Plant)First attackAwake wild natureSpecial efficacy darknessSpecial efficacy sub-dragonSpecial efficacy plantsServant summonChewing stonesBreath of lifeElement attackSpirit Magic 2Spirit PerceptionTerrain adaptation: FieldsTerrain adaptation: RoomsParasite • InfoParasite • GoldShort ranged weapons masteryStrong AttackMagic tools mastery.....

My basic stats have risen considerably when you compare them to before. Individually, my stats doesn't increase so much, but leveling all the classes I have make my stats increase considerably.

However, my stats are balanced.

It's likely that all my stats are all balanced because of all the classes I have, well, that's only my case though. Because if I had a unique class like everyone else, then maybe I would only have one high stat, for example the magic power.

It's also well known that your stats will rise if you train normally, that's why it seems that's the normal way to do it.

Besides, even if my average stats are low, it could be possible that there is someone that only has a talent with magic power attack or maybe someone with abnormally high status because of their fruits of having trained. And even if I surpass such a guy with the compound power, it's possible for me to be defeated.

Though I think I have become quite strong, overconfidence is the worst enemy.

That's why, I need to use my skills properly.

Even though I have learned a considerable number, I think some are especially interestings.

A way of walking that makes it difficult for other to notice you, 【The way of stealth】

The effect of all the magics are raised but you will suffer a part of a curse 【The law of all】

Because the summoned beast that evolved had the farmer class I learned the 【Judge (Earth)】.

A skill that make possible to deprive other people of their stats temporarily 【Status drain】. This skill was born from the compound skill between the shaman and enchanter class.

The less man made objects around the more your attributes improve 【Awake wild

nature】. This is a compound skill of three classes, farmer+miner+spirit user. Surely it's strong because it's made with three.

And next, the new skill that I have obtained after a long time with my parasite class, 【Terrain adaptation: Room】.

...Hey.

No matter how you look at it, I think it's really cruel.

Saying things like that my room is my home ground, um, well, it fits the parasite class, but what's going on with this doubtful pathetic skill that makes it seem like someone who is haughty and boastful at home but meek and reserved outside?

But this skill not only improves my overall strength by about 20%, it improves my natural healing power and even sharpens my senses, this is such a good skill. it's just that this skill can be activated only when you are inside of a small closed space of a determined scale, so such weakness wouldn't help you at all when fighting against monsters...

Outdoor is out of the question, and caves and labyrinths are also out, because even though they could be considered indoor they are spacious.

There doesn't seem to be many places where I could activate this skill. And it's likely for this skill to shine only when a enemy comes to attack me in my room, but even so, something like that is almost impossible, normally.

After all is this a joke skill?

Well, doing this and that my skills increased but this made me think about something. Realistically speaking, would be possible for me to use all my skills? Such a feeling came to me.

It's good that they are easy to use.

I even remember having cleared Dragon Quest and even the boss of Final Fantasy without using magic even once, things like that happens often.

But well, after having learned all those skill through great pains, I was wondering if I should use them at least one time. As I continued thinking about that I started looking at the scenery outside of the wagon.

Today's weather is so nice that it's also perfect to walk down the road.

It's likely we will arrive in Surino soon.

CHAPTER 39

THE PROBABILITY OF FOUR ACQUAINTANCES

MEETING IS NOT UNEXPECTEDLY LOW

Shortly thereafter, the wagon reached Sunori.

“Nn—, at last I can stretch my body”

“Fuu, I have come back to life”

Our stiffened bodies loosened the moment we reached Sunori’s entrance.

The other clients who were riding the wagon with us, were in a similar way as us, stretching their backs.

“After coming here at last, let’s hang around a little? We have some spare time”

“Yes, let’s do that. I also want to see what there is here”

Before going towards the client’s place, we decided to wander around Sunori.

After speaking to Ally in the wagon, it seems that it’s her first time coming here.

“I came here before, but let me tell you, their sausage was quite delicious”

“That reminds me, a lot of pigs and sheeps are kept here”

“Yes, yes, it’s their speciality. Want to go? Rather, you absolutely must go”

“Certainly. I will welcome with my open arms whatever is delicious”

Thus I guided Ally to the stand I visited last time.

Regardless of the reason, I wanted to eat it once more. It’s really delicious.

But at that moment, I heard a familiar voice come to me.

“Deliciou~s! This is delicious no matter how many times you eat it, isn’t it George?”

“It is. However, is it not a little too much eating three?”

“It’s alright, it’s alright, no matter how many times you eat, something delicious is delicious. Ah—I’m happy, the third time makes one happy—”

The ones speaking were of course Mimi who had her mouth filled with sausages and George.

I hastened my pace and then I called them.

“So you two also came here, Mimi, George”

“Hm? Aah, Eiji! You also came here Eiji?”

“Oh, is It not Eiji? It has been a long time. Also—It can’t be that you are the one I met from the labyrinth?”

George and Mimi turned their face towards Ally.

Ally bows gracefully.

“That is correct. We came here after receiving the request from the adventurers guild. I am called Ally=Duo. It has been a long time”

After Ally finished presenting herself, I told her about our recent spider extermination. George and Mimi thanked her again for what happened in the labyrinth.

It seems that George apparently knew about Ally being an adventurer even though she was a noble. He also knew about her relation with Coru, but even so it seems there is a considerable amount of people who knew about that too.

Well, Ally normally uses the adventurers guild without hiding her identity, and for Coru, he was already famous among the adventurers.

If it is so, then it’s not rare at all being known.

Afterwards, when I talked about the reason we came here—.

“It’s the same with Eiji? Us too. But in our case, our request was to protect the village from someone who is attacking at night”

“It’s like that, so before taking a nap until the night we are filling our stomachs”

To the action of Mimi knocking vigorously her stomach with a ‘Pon’, Ally laughed strangely.

“As for Eiji and I, we came here to investigate with the intention of solving the problem. We are going to learn of the details after this, but it appears that there is other people who are trying to solve the problem with a different approach”

“So it seems—. Hm~... Even if our request is at night, it is still a bit early to go to sleep, is it? What are you going to do after this Ally?”

“Since I am not familiar with this town, I was thinking of visiting several places. After having traveled a long way to come here, it is not sufficient for me to only complete

the request from the adventurers guild”

“Oh, so this is your first time here? Then, it’s not good if I don’t guide you— Ally, go, go!”

Mimi advanced rapidly through the aligned stalls as she pulls Ally’s hand. Unexpectedly it seems that those two get along well.

I looked towards George who was left like me.

With a serious face, George turns his face towards me.

“Sorry Eiji, but let me tell you that I don’t have any intention of holding hands with you?”

“I didn’t want that!”

After that we started sightseeing around Sunori.

It must be because this city doesn’t have a adventurer’s guild that they sent their request to Laurel. Moreover, there was almost no armor shops here.

But even so you couldn’t feel any inferiority in the daily necessity stores compared to Laurel. There is a somewhat big plaza with fishes running free in pond for enjoyment, so although it’s called a village it’s not like they are not quite developed.

A field extends in the surroundings of the village, a great number of cattle is being raised.

Quite a good place to live.

Walking around the edge of the village, sheep and horses were eating grass, while observing such peacefully scenery, we were eating the same thing they had bought.

“Ha~This is also delicious”

“So is this, would you like to try one, Mimi-sama?”

To Mimi who was putting sauce in her mouth while eating a meat pie, Ally recommends a vegetable pound cake.

However, Mimi shook her neck fiercely.

“Ah, could be that you dislike it?”

“A carrot is impossible, absolutely”

That vegetable pound cake had a faintly orange color of a carrot on it.

At glance it looks considerably delicious and if it's carrot, then it has a considerable amount in it.

"Mimi, It's time to once and for all to lose your habit of picking food. Didn't somebody say that an adventurer can eat anything?"

"I would rather die on the road than eat carrot!"

Good grief, says George while shaking his head.

Ally says 'if that it's the case' and look towards me.

"Eiji-sama is okay with this kind of food?"

"Yes, I'm not picky about food"

"Well then, please try eating this by all means. It is really delicious, truly"

Let me see, I cut a slice of the vegetable cake and threw it in my mouth.

Oh? It has a mysterious taste. The bitterness of the vegetable and the sweetness fit perfectly, I don't know why but it's delicious. So there are foods like these.

As I was enjoying the village taste, a horse's eyes and mine met.

When I look once again, the horse is making a somewhat clever face.

Those were the eyes of a grieved philosopher.

That reminds me, long time ago I also read philosophy books.

In my highschool days, I remember reading books such as Kierkegaard or the Nietzsche's Japanese translation, without understanding their meanings.

If you don't understand the culture's place or the period, that sort of things, then you wouldn't be able to understand them at all. It would have been enough to honestly buy the explanatory book, but at that moment I was infected with the notion that the best and coolest thing to do would be to buy the book as they were.

I'm curious about why people feel like they had become smarter if they aren't able to understand? No matter how you think, those who understand are those who became smarter.

While I was having such thoughts, it became something so philosophical, Ally began to talk to me after looking in the same direction like me.

"There are a lot of crops and livestocks products, it is not that right?"

"Yes. Ah, try eating this too, Ally"

"A bread that has ham in between, cheese and vegetable, I like this kind of thing."

However since we are here, it must be absolutely delicious... Ah"

The moment when Ally was about put the sandwich-like food that I passed to her in her mouth, as if something had occurred, she stiffened with her mouth open.

"Something on your mind?"

"No, it is nothing. Fufu"

Ally relaxes her cheeks, and as she wanted to deceive me, she gulp down the bread.

I'm sure that she is up to something with that face.

What could be she planning?

When I was thinking, George stood up.

"Then, I'm full, let's slowly prepare for the night and go to sleep?"

"You're right—, now that I'm full I started to feel sleepy. Fuua~"

Mimi stands up while making a big yawn.

In the end they have to get up the moment it's night, if they don't go so sleep soon, I have no doubt they will doze off at night.

It's also time for us to go towards the client's place.

If I'm not mistaken, the name is Risaharuna.

CHAPTER 40

VAMPIRE SUNORI VILLAGE

“So you are the adventurers who received the request?”

“Yes, we heard about the blood sucking incident”

It's not big but the client lived in a well made house. The client lead us to a living like room, and then she serves us tea.

Speaking of the client, Risaharuna is a bit older than me, it has the mysterious feeling of a widow landlord.

“What I want to request of you is, the investigation of certain ruins in the east of the bald mountains”

“Bald mountains... Ah, so it's there”

“You know about it?”

“Yes, in my last request I went until the foot of the mountain. But at that time I didn't see anything similar to a ruins”

“It has to be because you saw it's in the opposite side of the slope looking it from Sunori. I want you to confirm that a vampire doesn't exist”

Oh, it came, it came, a vampire.

Eh, but, I have to prove that it doesn't exist?

“It seems that you are having doubts. But, I didn't say anything wrong. I believe that a vampire is not the criminal in this incident”

According to what Risaharuna explained, a splendidly mansion formerly existed in the ruins of the bald mountain with a vampire living in there, such legend was in Sunori. But, since the place became a ruins, the story of a vampire living there began to circulate. Even so, it's not like something had happened until now.

She is right, it's a strange story.

If a vampire were living there, then a similar event might have occurred before.

Besides, it's strange that it only started to live there after it became a ruin.

“Indeed, it makes no sense”

“Yes. In first place we don’t know whether a vampire exists or not, but even if it exists, it was in the past. It’s rational to think this incident has nothing to do with it. But, when a person is convinced once about such things, it start to exclude every other possibility, such are the stubborn person”

Risaharuna sighs as if she was astonished, then she began to stare me.

“Speaking about the other client who has gathered all the farmers, I want you go there and make him realize that something like a vampire doesn’t exist”

“But would he believe me? It would be better if the person in question goes there?”

“He can’t go due to fear. Because this time the victim was a person”

Indeed.

It’s impossible for a person who thinks there is monsters to go there.

“Therefore, if you two come back safely, we will know that the vampire didn’t exist or that it was defeated. One of these two results”

“And if we don’t come back safely?”

“I will offer at least flowers”

Risaharuna looks towards the scarlet flower in the vase.

Please stop with your bad jokes.

But well, honestly I don’t think it exist so there is no problem.

I wonder if the cause is something else?

“Assuming that the ruins are not the main cause, then I wonder what it could be? I wonder if it’s okay to not to look for it?”

Rather, I’m now curious about it.

What could have happened since I left this place? What could be happening behind the scenes? It has aroused my curiosity.

“Naturally, I also want to know about it. It really save me troubles that you noticed it”

Risaharuna grins and lift the corners of her mouth.

A smile with a sense of not being afraid.

“I believe the ruins are related. There are undead and other monsters in that place.

The miasma is thick. Therefore, there has to be a certain relation. I want you to bring whatever thing you are able to find that could become a clue. And I want you to inform me about whatever detailed information you get. This is my request”

“I understand. A variety of things to investigate. Please look forward to it”

“I appreciate it. You will find a basement when you go to examine the place, and I have also heard that there is a coffin in the interior of a certain room. I want you to cut down or break the coffin so to bring with you a recognizable part of it”

Ally and I nod.

But then, Ally opened her mouth.

“It is regrettable that there isn’t a high probability for a vampire to appear. Even though I was curious about it. I wonder what kind of feeling you could get if your blood is sucked?”

“Are you interested?”

“Yes, a little. I have such nature that makes me have interest in rare things. Even if it is only a little, you do not want your blood to be sucked, Eiji-sama?”

“Eh, no, I’m not interested...”

So there exist people like her that says such dangerous things.

Moreover, Ally’s eyes are sparkling.

I’m glad that there isn’t a vampire.

“Fuu. What an unusual adventurer. I will pray for you to be able to meet with a vampire”

“No, please you don’t have to pray, really”

Risaharuna laughs again, and then she began to tell us the details about the place where the ruins are.

Ally and I left behind Risaharuna’s house after she finished telling us all the details. After that we began to choose the inn——This time we chose a considerable good inn. With bath attached.

I had Ally with me, the young lady, so I thought that I had better make some strenuous efforts in choosing, but it seems that she is not worried about such things.

She even said that it would have been okay to chose a cheaper one.

But even so she didn’t gave the feeling of wanting to search for another, but I guess that it’s because she is aware of the rare things I sold to Coru and the raw materials I

got from the strong monsters in the labyrinth.
We know how warm are our pockets, mutually.
In addition, I have with me the 【Parasite • Gold】 skill.

It's only that there is something I'm curious about the 【Parasite • Gold】 skill.
I can obtain money, but this money it's not from somebody, it's money that suddenly appears.
Speaking of money, it's probably that even in this world there is a certain amount of money made and circulating recognized.

However, the money made by my skill exceeds their program, money that it should not exist originally.

So I start thinking, it could not cause some type of impact if it enter into the market?

Although I say that, no one would be able to notice the small amount of extra money that flows in because of me, it wouldn't have any effect.

But perhaps it would be better to think before using this to create an amazing amount of money, I thought.

If a lot of money of unknown origin suddenly appears, it could be possible to influence the economy, but before that happens I could be put under suspicion.

Therefore, I don't plan to spend more money than what I'm able to obtain for the moment. For example, I will not bring out money even if it's for the search of the magic crystal not found yet. Of course, it would be okay if it's not much.

My daily life doesn't need so much money, and it's not like I would be suspected or wreak havoc the economy by spending money for the fare and the meal fee of the wagon. If I keep my daily cost like now, using the money in moderation, I would be able to live without worries.

For example, if it's to the extent of staying in a good inn in an occasional outing. Hence, it is likely that I will not fall under any curse if I only use this amount, today I will permit me stay in this lovely inn with a garden and exterior.

CHAPTER 41

EVEN IN ANOTHER WORLD

IT CONTINUES TO BE A CRIME

After securing an inn, Ally and I began to talk about tomorrow, we ate dinner and then each of us went towards our rooms to recharge our batteries.

“A ruin with a vampire who does not exist? But, it seems that there is something which is sucking blood”

The village at the other side of the windows has darkened completely.
It's already time for George and Mimi to start their work but I wonder if those two will be alright?

Being a bit worried, I changed my point of view to George using 【Parasite • Vision】.

What is projected is Mimi sitting while sheep, horses, and pigs being driven away from a hurried made fortress enclosing a small range.

So this is the way they are going to protect them in the night, eh?

The field of vision sometimes shakes, looking around the surroundings.
But isn't able to find anything at all. For the moment, nothing is happening yet.
When I change to Mimi's point of view, it moves up and down slowly, she is dozing off.
Good grief, she is already half-asleep.

To see if something could happen to those two in the middle of their request, I used parasite.

This is one of the good points of being able to use parasite in this way. As expected, it's useful.

I look towards a shaman who was among the ones I had parasitized, I captured the right moment in which he was piercing a meatball with his fork. A very normal moment.

Next is Ally, I saw her arm extended. her clothes were forming a parabola shape.

The bare skin of her arm was exposed.
The clothes she wore today were being thrown.

Wa-wa-what, could this be? Isn't she about to step into the bath?

The clothes safely entered into a basket.
Her happy-looking gaze shakes, but because she is looking ahead I can't see her body.
Suddenly, the view turns around to her back.
Beautiful curves around the shoulders and collarbone, white, and smooth skin enters the field of vision, I saw the corner of a bulge expanding on the left end of the chest,

This is—!

Even though I'm not close, I hold my breath instinctively.
This is amazing, it's amazing but, if she were only to see a little more to her lower right... Eh, what I'm saying! This is bad, I'm completely peeping, what I'm doing is not just a crime?

Completely ignorant of my shaking, Ally looks straight ahead, walking to the bathroom.
Because she is looking ahead I'm not able to see Ally's body right now, but now that she entered the bathroom, the moment she starts washing I'm sure I will be able to see her whole body.

However, it's not enough if I'm not able to see her face... No, if I don't release the skill... Such things like losing to my lust and commit a crime, even a parasite has pride.
I will release my sk—Why I'm not able to do it?

Before I can make my determination, Ally continues advancing. At last, she laid her hands on the door of the bathroom, opening it.
Just a little more, but I don't have any more time—Kuu!

“Haa... Haa”

Only the wall of the inn was projected in my view.
I was able to hold out until my very limit.
Was I able to finish without leaving the man's path?

Ah~ Why I didn't use the skill a bit later?

If I had used it the moment she was inside the bath, seeing her naked skin would have been an act of God. Then I would have had an excuse for myself.

I would have told myself that I didn't see it because I wanted, but because it was an accident so it couldn't be helped.

...Eh, that line of thought itself is comparatively bad.

After lying down on the bed I close my eyes and try to calm myself down, but it doesn't seem like the fleeting glimpse of the bare and tender skin I saw would disappear from the back of my eyelids so easily.

I ended up stuck worrying endlessly on my bed.

“Not good, I’m getting distracted!”

It doesn't seem like I would be able to sleep nor forget.

Let's for the moment think about tomorrow's plan. Yes, let's do that.

A blood sucking monster that is not a vampire, eh... That's right, let's try asking Rux. If it's Rux, I'm sure she would know something. After all she is a goddess.

I got out of bed and used the skill 【Communication with God】.

In the same way as before, an image is projected in the air. This time Rux appeared normally—Lightly dressed as usual.

I forgot about it—But could be that this Goddess is the one who creates evil desires?

“Why are you with such appearance!”

“Suddenly abusing me!?”

Noticing me, Rux looks raises her voice.

Then, she inflates her cheeks.

“Who was the one who called me suddenly, Eiji-run? With what part of my appearance do you have problems, huh?”

Almost to the point of being near the screen, she draws near her face.
She moved back from the camera a little.

“What part, you said? Should I said that you are dressing lightly or perhaps that you are showing too much skin...”

When I started to get nervous saying such things, Rux who was with inflated cheeks suddenly changes her expression to a malicious smile.

“I see that kind of thing. Being said that by a pervert peeping tom is really something else”

“Wh-?”

Lost at words for a moment, I violently shake both hands, negating.

“What are you saying suddenly!? A pervert, please don’t say such baseless remarks”

“Baseless? You were not keeping something a while ago?”

“Wh-?”

Again I found myself at loss for words.

Right, Rux has God’s Eyes with her.

It could be that perhaps she saw me in that moment?

“You are wrong, I was able to contain myself totally fine. Because I saw nothing but her collarbone”

“Ah, so you were seeing after all. What a pervert, Eiji is”

“Eh? After all, you said... You deceived me!?”

“Though I was seeing you, it’s not like I knew with whom you were using your skill, even myself. That you were moving strangely made me think that you were doing something suspicious, but as I expected, you were using that skill. Really, so Eiji also likes that sort of things”

Please stop smiling like you had found a comrade since more or less I stopped myself. However, I thought for a moment how happy I would be if I hadn’t stopped at that moment.

However, let’s put aside that already. At any case, I want to end this topic.

“I didn’t contact you to talk about such things, let’s finish, let’s finish this talk!—I thought about asking you about vampires”

“Vampire?”

“Yes, I’m thinking about how to deal with the monster that is attacking this village. Although not necessarily could be a vampire, it could be some different kind of blood

sucking monster. Rux can use God's Eyes, right? So, couldn't you disclose their true color with a glance?"

While twining her finger around the thin cloth that she is wearing, Rux swings her body to the right and left.

After displaying a behavior as if she were thinking about it for a moment, she shakes her head.

"I can't do that, that's something I can't do"

"Why? It's something difficult to do?"

"It's difficult. Even if I can see a place with my God's Eyes, it's only the place I want to see. If you tell me to look for something you don't even know where it is, then I would have to scan over all the world. It's not an impossible thing to do but, it would take a considerable amount of time"

Ah, that it's difficult.

It's an easy thing to do if you know the location of where the other party is staying among other things, but if you don't know even that, it would be a difficult thing to do.

"Moreover, another thing, it's not good to involve me only because an incident is happening in one of the countless cities of man. It's unfair and it would be endless"

"I know, but don't say such petty thing. You even helped me"

"Don't say pretty! I'm a goddess, you know? I should not be putting excessively my hand over things unrelated to me or the world. Eiji is special because it's something I did, but I'm unrelated this time. Being a spectator is the best"

Rux said with a serious face which he has the feeling of not having seen it for awhile. Ye~s, indeed, that sounds like a sound argument.

Though I'm talking as if this were not a big deal, but after all, she is the God of this world. She might be right in not supporting specific places or towns.

"I get it, you are right. Then, I will not ask you to go so far. But, it would be enough to at least teach me what kind of things could be hiding there, isn't that right? About the blood sucking monster. And then I will also teach you about that sort of legends about my world, so what do you say?"

Rux narrowed her eyes.

She looks at me while slowly swaying, then she nodded.

“Or should I say that is Eiji is the one who is interested in such things even if it's not related to the incident, I am right?”

So I was exposed?

Speaking of vampires, there is something that tickles me somewhere in my heart.

“However, if it's only that, then I don't have any problem at all. Even I have a little interest about what kind of story Eiji knows. Let's see, vampire, a giant leech, maxkera... Even in the range of things I know there is a considerable amount. Well, which should I start talking about?

CHAPTER 42

IN THE RUINS

PART 1

“They’re okay even if bathed under the sunlight”

“That’s right. Though it seems that their conditioning the evening is better”

Ruu and me was talking about bloodsucking is told the features of the vampire in this world. It seems that somehow they won’t be instantly reduced to ash when bathed under the sun light.

“Thes, how about garlic and cross?”

“What is that? Is that have something to do with vampire?”

“..... No, just forget it”

It have no effect huh.

Well, the cross is strange story similiar to that of garlic. I wonder what is the origin of that story?

“Even so, vampire extermination huh. It doesn’t seems interesting somehow”

Ruu’s bending her body toward the terminal.

I nodding while stepping back a little. Though we’re not bumping at each other, we’re almost at it.

“Though there’s high possibility that it’s not vampires. I can give a hand if you’re interested in it. Well, I need to descend to the lower world”

“That’ll be troublesome, so no. It’s tiresome, so just read something or eat the offering

in this place”

“..... I don’t know that Ruu also have a talent as parasite”

“What? Even if I’m look like this, I’m doing my job, sometimes. Well, since you say so, at least do your best to not dying, Eiji-kun. Well then, see ya”

I stopped the skill to end the image of Ruu who’s waving her hand while yawning.

Though I feel that I couldn’t get the important information, well maybe that feeling just dissapeared. Well then, since I don’t know whether it’ll be snake or demon that’ll coming out, I don’t know what I must to do.

The next day, me and Ally’s leaving the inn right in the morning as planned.

We’re heading toward the ruin of Bald mountain.

Though we’re attacked by monster along the way, your average monster isn’t our opponent nowadays, we beat them with one hand.

And then, we’re arrived at the ruin while the sun still high in the sky.

Stone pillar, hearth, part of roof, fragments of various colored glass, crumbling wall, stairs that broke in the middle —.

It’s definitely a place that was befitting of a place to be called as “ruin”.

No, it might even not enough to call it ruin anymore. Should I call it as ordinary wreckage?.

“This, should be called wreckage right”

“Yes. It’s not a mistake even the place is fitting that name. It’s more tattered than our prediction”

“Yeah. Let’s start with above ground aand, as expected there’s a need for that”

It's appearing at the greater imp from the shadow of the wall.

One thing or another, it might be a fairly powerful monster. It doesn't seem that it'll be easily sensed by anyone.

We're entering our battle stance and starting to investigating how to cut the greater imp right in half. We're focusing our mind to studying the monster.

Though we're studying it till the sun right above our head, we couldn't find anything suspicious. In the first place the thing was wethering without leaving it's former shape, as I thought, the building was considerably broken before reaching this state.

Judging from the part of the remained structure, the people who used to live was quite wise Or should I say it's quite influence for vampire.

We found a doll that look like france dool or broken vase.

Though it doesn't seem to hold particular clue for this kind of people.

After we're investigating above ground plenty enough, we're looking for the entrance toward basement.

"I found it, Eiji-sama. It's just like Risaharuna-sama has said"

The place was around 10 metres in the north from behind the stairs.

Though it's covered with grass and dust, this place was covered with stone that seems heavy.

After we carefully moving it aside, a gaping wide hole appeared, the sun light is shining down toward the passage of the basement.

Yesterday, Risaharuna told us the detailed information about the ruin before we goes back.

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(—I'm also examining that ruins out of curiosity. Certainly, I who's an ordinary person couldn't go to the place which become monster inhabitant. It was the information from document and my connection. Moreover, there's also precious document and ornament in the basement, the entrance is)

(—As expected, it's bloodsucking village right?)

She let out a sarcasm-like laugh.

She's a mysterious person whose train of thought couldn't be read.

The type that I like the most.

“Yosh, well then, Ally”

“Yes, Eiji-sama”

We're exchanging glance and nodding at the same time.

The stairs of the basement— From here is the real game.

“Understood, I'll prepare the bento”

“.....EH?”

“It's bento you know, packed lunch. We can't fight if with empty stomach”

After choosing flat land, Ally quickly preparing the place and taking out a carpet from the space bag.

What a superb skill.

She made no mistake even at the long part where the adventurer passes.

I sit on the carpet and then taking out the portable food.

But, Ally stopped my hand.

“Please wait. I’m the one who will make the preparation today”

She then taking out many ingrendients from the space bag that was packed between the bread.

It’s sandwich.

“It’s come to me yesterday. There’s a lot of wonderful ingrendients in Snori, especially it’s a long awaited adventure with Eiji-sama. That’s why won’t you let me to make the meal”

“Made by Ally, this”

“Yes. That’s why please enjoy it”

PART 2

Ally spreading her hand as if showing-off her home made sandwich to me.

She's showing a very proud expression though.

This is happiness.

“Of course, let's dig in then. Well then, at once”

I bite the sandwich with egg and vegetable between it.

Eh?

This is.

Something is weird.

.....It have no flavour.

Let's try one more bite.

Yup, it have no flavour.

When I'm asking at Ally face, she's looking at me with both hand joining together with sparkling eyes.

What should I do, she really expecting my impression.

“E~h, right, the flavor of the texture is superb. You eat too Ally”

“Well then, itadakimasune..... Eh? This, have no flavor? ”

It seems that she's somehow noticed it by herself.

She's knitting her eyebrows in surprise.

“Ally, this flavor is?”

“There’s abundant of rare ingredients in Sunori, that’s why I’m thinking of enjoying the taste of raw material, and nothing else”

No, isn’t that a waay too much raw ingredients.

Because there’s almost no flavor in it.

“So, Ally is thinking of making the flavoring by making the best use of the flavor of the raw ingredients or something like that”

“Is that so!? I, I completely didn’t know since I never really cook. Eiji-sama also knowledgeable about that area huh. There’s still so much I need to learn”

Maybe it’s not just me who know it, everyone know it. I get feeling just like looking at something like rare boxed princess of nobility.

So Ally was hopeless in cooking

“Please teach me next time since I’ll make it delicious. And then, I’ll make something delicious for Eiji-sama to eat”

Ally eyes that was looking at me, filled with fighting spirit.

But you know, even I can say that I’m yet to reach the level of retailing my knowledge. I wonder if there’s someone out there with cooking class.

In any case, the taste is with only not just the flavor of the raw ingredients, aren’t we lucky since we’re fortunate that she didn’t give too much flavoring? It’s something that we could finished by strengthening our heart.

And then we’re back at the basement passage.

Since this basement is completely engulfed in darkness, I used the lamp magic.

It's really great if we have no fire, the intensity of the light is also great.

Though the corridor is made of sturdy stone, each and every sound of our footsteps is echoing repeatedly inside.

“It's very different from above the ground right, the condition is still pretty good”

“The condition is different since it's not exposed to wind and rain. So this is what left”

“Yes. As expected”

Since even something like ancient tomb will keep it's beauty even after more than thousands years if there's no open air entering it. The erosion is efficient worker you know.

After advancing for a while, something like heavy door appearing on my right.

We're pushing the door with caution.

The door is opened while producing “gigi” sound at it's joint.

Both of us entering inside.

But, there's basically nothing inside this room.

“There's nothing here. The room is empty”

“Yeah. No, wait a minute. Didn't you hear something?”

“EH? This is like the sound of scratching something, right”

In that moment, the door was shut with huge sound.

We're turning our head at the same time.

“Did you touch the door? Ally?”

“No, it's not me. How about you, Eiji-sama?”

“I didn’t touch it too. Why did it suddenly”

The light of the lamo is starting to flickering.

The shadow and light projecting on the wall is undulatin, sometimes it’s become darker or brighter.

As if completely ridiculing us.

“Eiji-sama. Somehow I got this extremely unpleasant premonition”

“Me too—— the sound have returned and become more violent”

Suddenly The scratching sound is resounding again with rhythm ——.

CHAPTER 43

THE BASEMENT OF THE RUIN

ISN'T ENJOYABLE AT ALL!!

“Anyway, let's leave the room.”

“Yes!”

We quickly opened the door and leaving to the corridor.

The scratching sound vanished after we left the room, the light of the lamp also became stable.

We're not encountering abnormality in the corridor.

“Maybe the problem was that room.”

“Maybe. Maybe.....perhaps, something is in there.”

Both of us couldn't tell what that something is.

After a silent agreement, we decided to forget the room that we entered just now. After advancing for a while, we found lattice on our left side.

The interior is like that of a prison with French doll-like figures in it, their bodies also what you call sitting properly. Their fake blue glass marble eyes were shining beautifully under the illumination of the lamp.

But, what made it even more ominous was the fact that all of them were looking towards us.

We quickly averted our line of sight; it feels like that the moment we tried to touch the door at the opposite side of the lattice, something will move when we're turning to look behind.

“.....Could that just be my imagination?”

Especially when there's no change at all.

Right? It's just maybe right? The dolls are not moving at all.

“Did you do something, Eiji-sama.”

“No, I didn’t do anything you know. Let’s examine the room over there.”

“Yeah. Let’s enter it quickly.”

I also entered the room, following Ally who was entering it quickly.

This room wasn’t empty.

There is a chair, desk, and a shelf; there’s pots that are lining up on the shelf–karikari*.

[TL : SFX for scratching sound]*

“S-Something is making a strange noise from inside the pot, Eiji-sama.”

“D-Don’t worry. W-We’ll beat the monster.”

“Y-You’re right. That’s certainly right.”

While telling myself that, we tried to look into the pot slowly.

A centipede showed it’s face from inside the pot.

“.....Haah. Please stop scaring me like that.”

Ally pat her chest while releasing a long relieved sigh.

Then she quickly grabbed the centipede and throwing it aside off the shelf.

“Don’t hinder us since we’re gonna be exploring for a while.”

Then, Ally examined the pot.

She kept her cool against the insect huh.

Though I decided to investigate the drawer of the desk in the meantime, it seems I caught something that can’t be pulled out more than half.

I was thrusting my hand inside and groping around and didn’t found anything.

Oh, there’s something.

Something that feels silky and small is touching my hand.

Well then, let's see what's inside this drawer.

Extremely long hair was coiled around my hand.

“HIIIIIIII!”

Ally is rushing toward me, while I am shrieking away

“What's the matter, Eiji-sama..... Hair!? N-NO, DON'T COME TOWARDS ME”

Ally is trying to run away from the hair that was coiled on my hand.

That's cruel; please get it off from me.

“Kusukusukusu—”

“Laughter!”

“Kusukusukusu—”

“It's the voice of someone crying!”

It's not the time for investigating the room anymore.

We hurriedly ran towards the door. We're leaving to the corridor while somehow untangling the hair.

“E-Eiji-sama.....”

“GAH”

Ally was pointing at the lattice with a trembling hand.

Though I expected to see the doll in that place, they're not there anymore.

I've had enough of this; I want to return quickly.

--But.

When returning, I'll be too ashamed to Risa Haruna if I was reporting my resignation to the mission since I'm too scared of ghosts. I mean I have a pride around the size of broad beans*. Even a rat will bite back when they're cornered.

As if I'm trying to persuading myself, I say to Ally.

"It's okay Ally. The dolls just disappeared"

"Though you said that, it's not simply disappeared you know."

"It's scary if it's suddenly appeared but, it's no harm if it's gone, right?"

".....Yes! That's true. Returning just because of that is a shame of an adventurer, right"

"Yeah. Let's go; we're going, definitely"

"Yes. Let's go. Definitely Going. Surely going"

We're advancing by sheer will.

Slowly and carefully with our shoulders sticking to each other.

"Please don't let the dolls appear..... Please don't let the dolls to appear....."

Ally's hand was tightly gripping on the sleeve of my shirt while murmuring those words.

Is she that scared of those dolls?

I received greater damage from the hair, though.

Let's talk to her to try to distract her from the fear.

"Say Ally, are you weak against the dolls?"

Ally suddenly ceased to walk.

Ah, so she is.

Ally is slowly looking at me, the link to her ponytail is trembling slightly.

Then, after hesitating for a while, she spoke.

“There was a lot of dolls in my house due to my mother’s hobby.”

“Your house was a noble house huh. So she’s gathering a lot of cute dolls right.”

As expected of the little sister of Cole Eunus, Ally’s mother.

The spirit of a collector is inherited by her.

“Perhaps, I think it was of good quality. But, the reason why I’m scared. They’re completely human-like.”

“Ah, I know your feeling. I also won’t be able to calm myself if I’m looking at such dolls in the room.”

“Right!My apologies, I’m too excited. Many of those dolls also placed in the corridor. A lot of them lining up side-by-side in the display case. Those dolls that lining up in the interior of the lattice from before are always staring at the people who walk in the corridor”

“That’s a little scary. Moreover, since it’s a corridor, we absolutely won’t be able to escape if it comes to life.”

Ally who agreed with my words fell into a brief silence.

Her gaze swimming left and right as if hesitating, then strongly clutching her hand in front of her chest.

Though she did that for a while, she then taking a deep breath as if decided in something and opened her mouth again.

“Then, it was during a certain night—”

CHAPTER 44

SCRATCH AND COFFIN

As if resolving on something, Ally started to tell me about her fear of dolls.

“When I was a child, I woke up in the midnight. I decided to go to the toilet; those dolls came into my sight. Under the illumination of the lamp, without talking and keeping my gaze at it, it then stared at me while letting out a short laugh. I-My body completely paralyzed—After that, I genuinely feared the dolls.”

Ally’s head was hanging down in silence.

Thinking logically after that flow of the story.

“Are you scared and then leaked out?”

“Please do not say it! Please don’t make any assumptions if you didn’t hear it from directly from the person herself”

Ally’s blaming me with a flushed face and her head hanging down due to embarrassment.

“Ah, I see. My bad. My bad. I know what it feels like. Even so, it’s alright since I don’t mind about it. If it’s during childhood, I also experienced something like that.”

“Uuu..... This is why I can’t handle the dolls. It’ll cause the unpleasant memories of that time resurfacing again. That’s why Eiji-sama, let’s leave this place. Please, if those dolls do show up again.”

“Eeeeh! What about me!?”

“Please. I’m truly ashamed of the memory of the story at that time. If we fail, we’ll be lost to shame.”

“No, even if you say that, it’s just a story that’s convenient for your sake.”

“No way.....Even if I’m just a useless noble girl, I’m still feeling bitter in my heart towards that kind of story. Since I’ve confessed to the point of embarrassing myself, you just conveniently using it as you please despite knowing it, Eiji-sama.”

Ally’s pleading to me with teary eyes while grasping my arm.

Though I want to say the same thing to her too. Well, I guess that it can’t be helped if she’s going that far. Even so, more than, the current situation included, the always nonchalant Ally’s tickling my inner sadism when she’s like this.

“AH, THERE’S A DOLL OVER THERE”

“EH!?”

“It’s a joke, a joke—Ally-san?”

Ally whole body was shivering.

She got over her shivering and got angry.

“Gnome-sama! Use your earth hammer of fury on this man!”

“Whaa, Time out! Sorry, I’m just too excited! I’m sorry! Okay okay, after you forgiving me, I’ll protect you from the doll.”

The rock hammer that was growing out from the ground was stopped at the last moment right before my eyes.

Ha~, that was close.

I’ve overdone it, that’s super close call.

“Geez, Eiji-sama, even I can get really angry you know.”

“No, I’m reflecting on it, I’ve overdone it—”

PAN!

In my ears that were currently prostrating myself while apologizing to her, I heard the sound of something exploding from behind.

We’re solidified like a stone statue.

“Uhm, there was a sound from behind.”

“Uhm, if you’re anxious you can look behind, Ally.”

“No, You should be the one to look behind us.”

“It won’t end if we keep bickering like this, let’s turn with Se~no*” *[TL: One, two,..... in Japan]*

“That’s right. Together with Se~no then”

“Se~no!.”

“Se~no!.”

.....

Both of us were still facing to the front without turning back.

“Why didn’t you turn, Eiji-sama!.”

“You too, it’s just me who’s confirming who’s going to turn!”

“I-I just messed up a bit with the timing. You’re also doing that right!.”

A human will become an ugly creature in front of fear.
We’re an ugly creature for giving up on our duty.

But, we’ll be confirming it together now.

“Se~no.”

We turned to our back together this time.

There’s one doll at that place.

“As I thought!”

“I-It’s okay. I will be following my promise—That’s right, we’re avoiding disaster if it’s just one.”

I’m taking one step in front of Ally who already stepped back.

At that time, the light of the lamp is as if interrupting, was casting a slight shadow behind the doll.

Then, we saw it.

In that place, greeting us together is the dolls who are laughing while shedding rivers of blood from its eyes, armor, and helmet, and will-o’-the wisp’s that are floating in the air.

“HIIIIIIIIIIII!”

Words are already unnecessary for us.

We’re using every bit of our power to escape.

We’ve no space left to be thinking about something like shame or commission.

The passage we’re using is bending to the right; A double door appeared at the end of passage.

One knight armor is opening that door while standing on its right side as if protecting it, we’ve no time to be hesitating and immediately jumped into that opening

“Haa.....Haa.....Haa.....”

“Look, a coffin.”

“Yeah.”

Inside of the room that we finally entered, was a coffin.

A wine red colored coffin that is giving a loud sign of being enshrined as it’s positioned at the center of the room, there’s also a stone shelf alongside the wall.

“This is the coffin that was mentioned by RisaHaruna-San, right.”

“Undoubtedly. Judging from its appearance, it’s just an ordinary coffin right.”

Certainly, it just an ordinary big coffin.

Though when I’m looking at the surrounding, there’s no particular change in this room.

The shelf, brooch or shield, the dry scroll, cup and water jug, withering flower, there’s something that looks like an open crevice but, I don’t feel any abnormality from all of them.

“Let’s just remove the cover of the coffin, or that’s what I want but, it’s impossible right.”

“If Ally is okay, I’ll follow too.”

“I’m not okay with it. Should we just return without looking what inside”

“It is, isn’t it. We came to this place with a desperate feeling.”

We’re standing on both sides of the coffin and placing our hand on the lid.

Then, opening the coffin at the same time.

“.....There’s nothing in it?”

But, there’s nothing inside the coffin.

Maybe what was in it was catching a breath when the lid opened.

“Eiji-sama, this.”

Ally was staring, at the lid.

Countless stabs and incisions are etched on the backside of the top.

It seems someone was in this coffin.

Though if it's just normal since anyone will act violently when they're inside right?

The reason is, is that it might be trying to escape, right?

Then, what'll happen after leaving, now I feel uneasy when thinking what'll it do when it leaves.

Since it won't go further even if I think about it just by looking at the coffin, Though I'm examining around the room with Ally, there's nothing like a hint.

Since RisaHaruna seems to be well-informed about the ruin, I decided to ask about it when reporting to her.

We're taking the things that appear to have some value on the shelf, and then cutting one part of the coffin; we've safely collected a wine red chip.

CHAPTER 45

THE WAY BACK IS.....

PART 1

We complete the task after finding the coffin.
Next is just return ba—ck.

“It seems, we have no choice but to go through that place again right”

That's right, that monsters is in the passage
We want to go back but we can't.
Ally is staring at me with the look as if depending on me.
She's saying with her eyes that she didn't want to goes back today.
Her nuance is not completely wrong though.

Well, what should I do then.

After thinking for a while, I nodded back at Ally.
I have an idea. I know that this is the best idea.

“Ally, there's spirit in the ghost”

“I wonder why it turn like that?”

“It's spirit you know. Ally didn't want to see the dolls again right”

“Yes. It's embarrassing story but.....”

“If it's the case, I want you to use loud spirit magic while closing your eyes. Even if the ghost kicking around, it'll be okay if you shut your ears with sound magic. If you didn't notice them, they're not scary. Because they're not exist”

Though it might be scary even if I say that I don't know at all but, it seems that there's similar measure by continuously looking at one's own feet when one's feel unpleasant in the haunted house.

The weak people just passing by and pretending that they're not noticing it. I call this, worldly wisdom.

Ally expression is, as if taking aback.

“That's right, in that case— But, I won't walk on the front”

“I'll pull you. You won't lost on your way if you hold my hand”

“Eiji-sama? Is that okay? I mean, Eiji-sama's walking on the front”

“It's okay it's okay, for one or two ghost”

Though I'm not really okay, the parasite called Ally who wasting due to her ashamed story is out of gas.

Moreover, if it's spirit, it giving the air of an existance higher than the ghost, so the ghost might be vanished.

“Let's go, the unpleasant thing is stopped moving due to hesitation if we stopped on our place”

“.....Yes. Thank you very much”

Ally is closed her eyes as she takes my hand.

And then I open the door and leaving to the passage.

That guy didn't come yet.

I'm walking forward and giving a signal to Ally when I see them in front.

The gnome summoned by Ally is rapidly advancing forward in the form of earth ball. It made a loud sound as it colliding with walls, clout of sand's fluttering around.

It's limiting the sense of hearing and the sense of sight.

Thanks to that, they're hardly notice the ghost.

PART 2

“Walk a little faster, Ally”

Ally's grasping my arm while sticking to my body.
She won't attack me if we're separated and she's scared right.

We're walking at quick pace.

Though I have this feeling that I see a shadow of something fluttering, it's vanished just right before I confirmed it.

Though I feel that I hear something moaning, I couldn't get it as it's erased by the grinding sound between the stone.

Now, the greatest fear of seeing it is scarier than can't see it.

It seems my idea's perfectly executed.
We could easily arrived at the exit gate.
Yosh, just a bit mo—Re.

As if a last barrier, the dolls are looking at me on the ground.
It'll shed bloody tears at any moment, it's hair will grow, and then laughing loud and sound.

“I won't stop, I WON'T STOOOP”

I won't be able to move if I stop my leg even once.
I'm averting my eyes and taking some distance as if trying to slip along the wall and then escaping to the side.

The dolls was unexpectedly didn't do any kind of movement or action.
We're arriving at the exit gate while I'm still surprised.
I'm opening the gate and give a sign to Ally to open her eyes.

The setting sun is shining down below to the passage.
The wind is blowing through.
I inhaling the fresh air to the brim which is free of moldy smell of underground passage.

“Ahaha, it’s a miracle that we’re returning alive”

“Thank you very much, Eiji-sama. I won’t returning alive if I goes alone”

“You’re exaggerating”

“I’m not exaggerating. I mean, if it’s me alone, I won’t be able to move from that room”

Ally’s locked her hand tightly on my arms as she smiling with teary eyes.

Maybe because she held her fear a bit huh.

“As I thought, Eiji-sama is kind right”

“Nope, I don’t think that I’m especially kind you know”

“Nope. Even though it’s just my own opinion, please consider my feeling. Even before, you’re walking toward the death without looking back when I’m in danger. In addition, you gained the trust of Mimi-sama and George-sama when we was going to Snori, it’s surely because of your firm personality. There’s no way that a mistake”

“As expected, maybe I shouldn’t raise it too much”

“If you think so, that’s just natural for Eiji-sama to do that if you think that we’re precious person to you right. It’s even more wonderful”

Ally said that while staring intently at my face.

As if insisting that she’s being serious with her words.

Or should I say that this is the result of that time, I’m not thinking it too deeply though. Though it seems that she won’t listen to my words at all.

“If you think so, then Ally is right. I mean there’s a saying that how to looking at human is just like looking at mirror. Even so, thank you. I’ll gladly receiving your praise. Well, let’s leave this place for good and goes back to Snori”

“Yes!”

PART 3

And then, we're starting to goes back but, Ally didn't let go of my hand till we're reaching the village, though she no longer locking on my arms, she keep holding my hand.

Look there, it seems she still considerably scared though we already left the ruin. When I'm thinking of such things while looking at her face from the side, Ally's turning her face to me with relaxed and happy face.

Somehow there's no fear left on her face. As I thought, what happen in Ally head is difficult for me to understand.

“Nevertheless, this is the first time I'm scared after coming to Laurel. Snori village is awesome right”

Returning from the ruin, Ally is muttering while chewing her gums as we descending from the bald mountain toward Snori village.

I nodding while looking at the mountain that became red after being illuminated by sunset.

“Really, what the heck was that. Though I'm okay with monster, that sort of think is come at the end”

“It's really different. I'm okay as long as that is something like vampire or ogre”

Though even I feel that it's strange when I think it carefully, a monster appearing is actually better.

I can say that human phsycology is strange.

“Come to think of it, I just said it after I come to Laurel but, where was Ally before that? Where are you come from?”

“I'm originally from Neman. Do you know about it?”

This is the first time I heard about it.

So I shake my head.

“Neman is a city located in the eastern part of Rain kingdom. It's size is a little bigger than Lorel. There's various yield of mineral in that area. Though My mother is the little sister of Kohl Eunus whose origin is Lorel, dear uncle—Married her to that Duo

house of Neman Laurel and Neman, each respectively in eastern and northern part of Rain kingdom, it's not to the level to calling it far away but, since it's not that close either, I rarely coming"

Neman city of Rain kingdom huh.

Naturally, Snori also part of Rain kingdom. I see, maybe I might go soon to a place other than Snori or Laurel.

Even so, it look like quite painful to come till that place with that carriage.

I'm quite satisfied with my desire for journey with the current distance, so I'll stay in Laurel till I've enough of it.

"Then, you're usually in Neman city"

"That's right. Most of the time but, there's also a lot of time when I'm going to another city as adventurer. Except in Laurel"

"He~. So you're allowed to do as you pleases"

"At first, they're so fussy about it but, they giving up lately. For the time being, it seems the reason to gain even more power when something was happening to the city or country is accepted as a reason. Though they're aware of my real intention"

Ally is saying that with a bit serious tone while laughing with impish face while.

PART 4

“But, if there really was something, I won’t make a lie and return immediately to Neman and Rain to protect it. Of course, Laurel too.By the way, how about you Eiji-sama?”

“EH? What do you say?”

“Is Eiji-sama someone of this vicinity”

“Nope, I’m different, it’s better to say that I’m not from this vicinity, my origin is different”

“Is that so. Which direction are you come from?”

Uuh.

I’m troubled in how to tell her.

Maybe Ally is really curious, or she might be asking as a basic of courtesy but, that’s wrong, as I thought the color of curiosuty appearing in her eyes.

At any rate, this troubled me. What should I say to her.

Should I say something that didn’t seems as the truth.....

Ah, that’s right, didn’t Ruu has said it just right to lure her.

“Uhm, I come from a place called Jaza”

“Jaza?My apologize, I couldn’t tell anymore due to limited information. Though I think that it’s a far distant place”

“Yes, that’s plenty. How shouldI say, far distant. It’s a bustling and lively place with many big building”

“Hee, going from far distant place till this place, you must be a pre born traveller”

If I must say, it’s the exact opposite though.

But, she somehow deceived. Because the human of this world never thin as far as the existance of something like another world, so it’s just natural.

Here is Holm, over there is Jaza. The goddess Ruu have said that I was allowed to use the name of my former world when summoned by Ruu.

When you telling a lie, it’ll lost it’s consistency afterward if you being careless and forgetting what lie you tell.

That’s why, when deceiving, it’s not a lie but, it’s also better if you’re not telling something you poor at.

That's why the name Jaza is just right.

Maybe there'll be a bit uncomfortable feeling remained since I'm using the name of the goddess of this world.

We're arrived safely until Snori village while talking about such things.

Since the sky has become completely dark at that moment, we decided to report tomorrow and rest for the day.

We already have the best proof.

They're going to the inn and parting toward each other room.

"Just like Eiji-sama, I'll also overcome the ghost with courage. Good night", thus Ally was returning to her own room after saying that.

I also returned to my room and dived on the bed.

Ha~.....My heart finally at ease.

When I think slowly, I immediately attacked by drowsiness and closed my eyes.

Kon, Kon.

Kon, Kon.

I jumped out from the bed.

I suddenly heard a sound in the middle of night.

"What the..... Who's knocking the door at this time"

After being surprised, I opened the door while mumbling my usual line.

On that place was the form of Ally in her sleep wear.

"What's matter, Ally"

When I asked that, her lips slightly opened while averting her face from me as if being embarrassed.

"Uhm..... Will you kindly to escort me..... To the toilet"

The conquest is far.

CHAPTER 46

MAYBE IT'S CALLED INEFFECTIVE EFFECT

PART 1

The next morning after we went to the ruin.

I woke up a little earlier and headed towards the public bathhouse.

Since I won't fall asleep in the bath even if I'm tired, I thought that I might take a morning bath. Ally got hold of a certain information that there's a bathhouse in this Snori.

She then decided to try the bath house of this village since it's the first time.

Since there's no mixed bath, the entrance to the bathhouse is different with Ally.

The design of the interior was mainly similiar with the one in Laurel. In short, it might be made with the one in Laurel as reference.

There are several bathrooms and dressing rooms and several variants of hot water are being prepared.

The wall is giving off high class vibe with tiles-like polished dark stone.

Nevertheless, whether it's the one in Laurel or here, I can say that the people of this country truly love to bath. Ha~ah, what a relief.

“You. It's been awhile huh.”

After I washed my body and just immersed myself in the most spacious bath tub, a voice called to me from behind.

This voice—No way.

“Phillipe, why're you in this kind of place?”

On that place was the magic tools maker, Phillippe.

Why're you in this place too.....

“Why? Is there any reason except from entering the bath tub”

Phillipe answering buntly while combing his red colored wet hair upward.

I am a bit somewhat angry at him who became quite handsome with that.

“By the way, it's not something like that, I want to know the reason why there's no bathtub in Snori.”

“Ah, so it's about that huh. If it's you, you'll know when you arrived to this place.”

“Arrived!?”

“Yeah. I know about the request you received, the inn you are staying at, and the store you stop by.”

So scary!

This person is bad news.

“No, it's scary but I don't want being followed by someone.”

“Even if you say that. What's the secret to bringing back such raw material, where you get such goods supplied from? It was for the sake of investigating that. Since the magic tools that I make from now on will become more interesting if I know about that. That's why I'm interested in your action.”

I see, the action of a pro craftsman[artisan] —— is too mysterious.

I almost told him to stop that if he didn't give explanation before.

Pro craftsman..... Come to think of it, could it be that Phillippe belongs to some sort of class?

If I have some sort of craftsman type class, I might be able to make something simple by myself if I learn that.

I making use of the parasite and somehow attached it to Phillip.

The information that was passed to me by Parasite Info is 【Magician 25】.

Magician huh. Though it does have some sort of relationship with magic tools, it's not a class that I didn't have.

Even if the level is high.

Maybe he does something like gathering the raw material in a place which has monsters by himself.

PART 2

When I change my line of thought and start to look at him, Phillippe does have a big and brawny body.

Though one will think that his class isn't physical type when they hear magician, even his neck is full with muscle.

“What's the matter?”

“Nothing, let's just say that somehow Phillippe is splendidly against the image of the one who makes magic tools.”

“Making magic tools involves a considerable amount of physical labour. There is also a lot of rough and unrefined work present behind the delicate work.”

As expected, maybe I can say that there is several such things in the society.

When I think about such things, that lump of muscle enters the bath next to me.

The hot water from the bathtub is overflowing and spilling on the floor.

“You have come too huh, Eiji.”

George apparently has come too after finishing with the night request.

After groaning due to the good feeling, he is greeting with a hearty voice.

“Taking a bath after finishing a request is the best,ahaha! How about you?”

“Hou, an adventurer of your acquaintance? My name is Phillippe. A magic tools maker. If you're acquainted with this fellow, didn't he carry something like rare raw material of magic tools?”

“N? Phillippe? Oh, it seems there is nothing like that. Magic tools shop—”

George and Phillippe started a conversation with me between them.

It seems it'll become a long bath.

I, who left the bath when I felt the blood raising to my head, is meeting with Ally, and then returning to RisaHaruna's place, the client who commissioned for the investigation of blood sucking incident.

We're going to briefly reporting about the ruin.

"That's why, the coffin was safely discovered. This is the fragment of the coffin."

"Certainly, it's appears to be that. How was it? Your impression about the ruin."

Just like in the beginning, we're reporting while served with tea.

While hearing our story with great interest, RisaHaruna, who asks questions once in awhile, is looking at the fragment of the coffin from various angles.

"The psychic phenomenon was truly a disaster. It's scarier than monsters in some way."

"Ghost huh, it might be the deed of the poltergeist. I'm more surprised that it can make a sound, though bottom of the lowest class monsters can't harm the human, it seems I really made light of it, right?"

RisaHaruna laughs with "Kukuku".

Ally and myself exchanged glances with complicated expressions.

Though we had drown into that level of panic, when it's true nature was something like the bottom most rank monster, there'll be this kind of terrible sense of defeat.

"Though it was truly a disaster, what is the content of the coffin?"

"It's empty. There's nothing in it."

"Empty?Did you noticed something else?"

"That's right, we noticed that there's a scratch on the lid of the coffin."

“On the lid of the coffin? Will you tell me more about it?”

“There are countless scratches on the inner part of the lid as if it was made by something, but since there’s nothing inside, we think that it might be scratches made quite some time before.”

PART 3

When RisaHaruna's heard my words, she frowned while smiling and started to ponder about something.

Placing her hand on her lips, she is thinking about something with her head hanging down like a detective.

“I see. I knew it, thank you very much.”

A short while later, she slowly raises her face as if nothing happened.

“Is there something wrong?”

“It’s nothing, I am just a little worried about that coffin. Though it seems an investigation is needed afterward, the commission that I gave to both of you has been completed. Both of you mustn’t go to the ruin again.”

“I see. Though I’m worrying about something in there, it’s just an act of unrelated monster to vampire since there’s really nothing in there.”

“Yeah—Maybe. At any rate, my commission is completed with this, since I could confirm that there’s really nothing in that place. Don’t show such a worried face. If you’re that worried, feel free to investigate. I have no right to blame you for that. I’ll be really happy if everyone goes as a volunteer.”

RisaHaruna is raising the corner of her lips while making such a joke.

I can see that as befitting of her age.

We also laughed and then we finished the commission by receiving her sign at the end of the document.

Though it certainly is weighing in my mind, it seems there’s really nothing in there if RisaHaruna said so.

This request is finished with this commission.

Even so, there's something that is weighing in my mind.

About how RisaHaruna is truly well-informed about the Vampire ruin right.

Though she said that she is investigating about it, I wonder why a normal villager is examining to that kind of detailed information.

Though it's not like that I don't know the reason if she's an adventurer— Maybe it's a pattern like "She is a former adventurer who is currently retired".

While RisaHaruna and Ally doing a handshake as an etiquette after finished a comission.

It seems to be my turn next, the timing is just right, so I decided to plant a parasite to investigate RisaHaruna.

I invoke my skill and, seize RisaHaruna's white hand, eh?

What was, that?

"What's matter, Eiji. Are you that reluctant to part way?"

"Ah, N-No, I'm sorry."

To Risa Haruna's voice, who seemingly is teasing me that I didn't want to release her hand no matter what, I released her hand in panic.

And then, I left Risa Haruna's house along with Ally who's smiling as if it's funny.

But, on the way back to the inn, I'm not laughing at all.

I couldn't latch the parasite.

When I used the parasite skill on RisaHaruna, she did not give any feedback at all.

That is just like the time when I latched it on a plant, an animal, or a monster.

If you think about it, it was strange.

The commission to confirm that there's no Vampire.

How can in such an unknown investigation, she can come up with awfully precise details about the place where the vampire lived?

Don't tell me, RisaHaruna is, she is— a vampire.

Because we're going to do a little sightseeing in Snori, we decided to stay in Snori for the day.

I slipped out of the inn in the midnight.

“.....Don't tell me she really will leave.”

My destination is, RisaHaruna house.

When I'm lying in wait under cover, RisaHaruna was coming out of her house.

After looking at her who is checking the surrounding, she starts walking towards somewhere.

【Stealth Step】

I invoked a skill to erase all kind of signs when walking, and started to stalk her.

CHAPTER 47

RED NIGHT

PART 1

Snori village. Late at night, I'm tailing RisaHaruna.

Though I am not able blend with the crowd, I can trail her from behind thanks to this skill that is erasing my presence.

While I'm following after her, holding my breath and feeling the peaceful atmosphere in the vicinity, RisaHaruna leaves the edge of the village and walks to the side of the livestock.

Because of the lack of space for sheltering the manpower to protect the entirety of livestock, it seems only the important portions of it is being guarded by Georg-tachi.

Thus the rest are left over, and RisaHaruna is walking toward the left over lifestock.

I'm gulping as the distance shortened bit by bit.

When I strain my eyes to look into the darkness, I saw the form of a monster from outside the village.

Both sides are approaching the livestock as if it was a pincer attack.

As I thought, this is—.

They kicked the ground at the same time, and RisaHaruna raised her hand overhead. And then, the monster that had come—an ogre, raised its club overhead.

In the next moment, RisaHaruna hit the ogre who's rushing to the livestock.

“EH?”

I, who almost jumped at the vicinity, can't help but let out a stupefied sound.

“You—— What are you doing in this place?”

RisaHaruna looked back at me with wrinkled eyebrows.

CRAP!!

As expected, I'll be exposed even if I'm using the skill if our distance is this close.

Even so, I think this might be okay.

I mean, RisaHaruna is protecting the livestock from the master just now.

I decided to tell the truth, with the exception of my ability of course.

“When I was taking a stroll in the night, I saw RisaHaruna-san, I felt it was rather strange, so I started following you from behind.”

“In short, you thought that I was the culprit of the blood sucking incident, right?”

“EH? No, going as far as that is.....”

“You're not very good at lying. Same with me.”

RisaHaruna raised the edge of her lips as she showed a pretty smile with her back facing the moon. I was fascinated for a moment, that current state of her is cold, bewitching, and lovely to an astonishing degree.

“Yes, I thought that you might have some connection to it, so I was tailing you with that suspicion. Even so, I saw what RisaHaruna-san does in this place was the exact opposite. Even so, you're not a normal human. I'm sure about that fact. Tell me, what kind of person are you?”

Geez, it's better to say it right.

It'll be exposed anyway.

“What do you think I am?”

“.....Vampire”

“Correct!”

RisaHaruna was laughing as she displayed her canine.

If she didn't say it, there is almost no way to find a difference between her and a human.

PART 2

“Even so, how did you see through my disguise?”

“I have some sort of petty skill, that’s how I questioned whether you are a human. RisaHaruna-san, you’re not a human. But, I can’t guess whether you’re a monster or an animal”

“I see, even I didn’t know that there is that kind of a skill. Seeing something like this is wonderful for the one who lived a long life”

RisaHaruna is approaching me.

The livestock escaped.

The ogre who was blown off is fallen on the ground and still unconscious. Such amazing muscle strength.

What will happen if she hit me?

“Why are you hiding your identity in the village?”

“Nothing, it’s not like I was thinking of sucking the blood of the villagers. Though it’s not a reason, the biggest factor is just curiosity.”

“Curiosity? For that reason?”

“Though it might be hard to understand for a human like you, my time is limitless. Something that I didn’t do seriously won’t cause terrible wounds even if it fails. I have no need for doing something hurriedly. It’s not difficult to associate with humans for fun, thus I was moving to various place for years while pretending to be a human and abandoning that ruin, that’s why I’m back to this place again.”

I see.

Which means that she’s reclaiming whatever was left, so envious.

“That’s why I had to live as a human for that request. Maybe I’m quite lucky for predicting that there might be a vampire which used to live in this village before. Though I naturally know something about events that happened at those days and had reached its lifespan a long time ago, but because it is caused by a vampire, there is a possibility that I’ll be doubting myself alone.”

That was why she wanted a proof that “*Vampire does not exist*”.

It might be linked together if you’re looking into that abandoned ruin. It seems she’s forestalling for something that didn’t exist while looking for outsiders.

It’s not too late even if she investigated the true reason later.

“That detailed matter aside, I understand your reason. Even so, there’s one thing that I don’t understand. Why is RisaHaruna-san in this place—”

“AGAAAAAAA!”

I suddenly heard the scream of the monster.

When I looked at its direction, I see the form of the beaten ogre who was waking up and trying to run away and, along with shadow of a person, and fresh blood — No, it’s wearing an armor and a helmet.

On its one hand is a crimson lance, which then pierced through the monster and absorbed the blood bathed on it.

“THAT LANCE IS ABSORBING BLOOD!?”

“As I thought, that’s the cause of this riot.”

RisaHaruna was staring intently at the lance.

I noticed that I saw it somewhere too, so I strained my eyes to look at it.

.....I remember now.

That armor and helmet was the armor that I saw decorated in front of the door of that underground coffin in the ruins. Though I think that it's poor balance since it's hanged on one-side, don't tell me its counterpart is moving on its own.

PART 3

Coffin—So that's it, it might be the one that stabbed countless wound on the coffin.

Though the armor and helmet was protecting the coffin room, the scratch wound was like it had been done by hand.

“Could it be, that lance inside the coffin?”

“Yeah. That was my former 【Treasure[秘宝】】 , Blade Licorice, Blood Sucking Demon Lance”

The that I see as if bored of drinking the blood of the monster, the armor and helmet stopped at that place.

I asked RisaHaruna without taking my eyes off it, "That armored monster is quite something for using that amazing lance."

RisaHaruna is shaking her head.

“It's the opposite. That lance is just fulfilling it's own desire by manipulating the armor and the helmet. Its desire is to cure its thirst by drinking blood.”

“What, the lance...?”

“Haven't you ever heard of the fact that a powerful article would have their own will and spirit after bathing 1000 times under the light of the fullmoon? There's the case in which a treasure could have power exceeding the knowledge of anyone who made it. If those articles spend long months and years, there's enough possibility that it'll gain a spirit or an evil spirit on it's own. There's also the occasion in which it would surpass the weapon and the stone statue.”

Seriously.

Treasure[秘宝]— I noticed that I had heard a little about it before.

I know that it held power on a different level compared to any normal treasure[お宝], but, isn't that will changing into a completely dangerous monster?

“That was a weapon which I used for draining blood before. Now, it seems like it transformed into a demon which wants blood for its own self.”

“Right, it seems like that. Then, that’s the true culprit of the bloodsucking event.”

RisaHaruna nodded while slowly facing towards the set of armor, helmet and lance.

“I thought that this might be the reason when I heard about the bloodsucking uproar. But, I am a completely normal villager. I can’t do it even if I wanted to go to check that ruins.”

“Thus you made a request to us, right?”

“That’s right. Though there’s some sort of unnatural form in my comission, the outsiders won’t go to poke their noses in that.....But, that might be why it didn’t occur to me to be more careful till reaching this point. THAT is the proof that I once lived in that ruin. Since the treasure was like me and could be considered as ancient as myself, I sealed it inside the coffin as I couldn’t bring myself to throw it away. But, it seems that the treasure itself is carrying devilishness more powerful than what I had thought. It might have turned into a monster which attacks with miasma.”

RisaHaruna’s plam is concealing a small vermillion crystal.

It’s shining with a similar light as the lance.

“What’re you going to do?”

RisaHaruna is stepping even further forward.

Though the set of armor and helmet is empty, it’s rushing towards our direction while swinging the lance.

RisaHaruna catched the swinging lance with her dyed red hand, seized the armor with another hand and flung it away.

“Same as always. Destroy.”

“OOH!”

“A vampire’s weapon is this physical strength. We’re tougher than steel, and originally didn’t need weapons—But”

PART 4

A red drop is spilling from RisaHaruna hand.

“You got injured just now!”

“As I thought, THAT is not a normal weapon. Its power is also increasing by sucking blood.”

The weapon is increasing its power by sucking blood, truly a demon lance. The armor and helmet are still rushing with even more speed without losing momentum. RisaHaruna was not able to dodge it and her wounds increased with every attack.

Though the armor’s attempt to counterattack her was crushed, there’s no damage to the lance – the main body.

Clicking her lips, she landed a roundhouse kick while doing a backward salvo and fell on her knees on the place she landed at.

“Are you alright!?”

“Barely, not at all. As I thought, THAT is stronger than me who didn’t suck blood for a long time. Though, I already did expect something like this.”

When I saw her rushing, I saw many cuts on her, her red colored blood is reflecting in the moonlight.

“You’re bleeding heavily. Next is my turn.”

“THAT is strong.”

“Yeah, I knew it after seeing that. But....well, I think I can somehow pull through it.”

I draw my sword and start gathering my magical power.

It’s not pride or a bluff. Just right when I see my opponent, I think that I might really be able to somehow pull it off. This might be a good chance of [Making Use] of the power I obtained from parasitism before.

CHAPTER 48

THE RESULT OF PARASITISM

PART 1

I decided to act quickly. I faced the empty armor and helmet which are moving while handling the lance. As it is, I decided to take the first hit and then, I slashed at the armor with a sweeping movement.

The lance attack that was fired at the same time was avoided and the arms that had been manipulated by it were torn when I had cut them from the armor.

Having learnt many skills, my basic spec increased quite a bit. Or you can say that I increased my ability with various skills, which means that my basic specs had raised so much after being boosted by the last ability that was used. For the current me, I can even evade while following this enemy's movement.

The lance slipped and fell to the ground due to the severed arm of the armor and helmet set. This is the end— But as I thought, there's no way that it will end this easily.

The lance started to rise while it was clad in something similar to aura. I thought that it won't be strange if it was manipulating the helmet and armor with its magical power like that but, from now on, it is the real show.

Though it had attacked first again, the fast moving spearhead was parried by my sword. And, the blade of the sword was chipped. Even like this, the sword was befitting of its quality but, this lance was made of amazing material befitting of a treasure.

Though I managed to parry with my sword and counterattack with the blade, the blade was still chipped a bit. The damage is too severe.

“Be careful, an average weapon will wear out quickly.” I can hear Risa Haruna’s advice from behind. Okay, I had just experienced it myself.

Though I don’t want to parry it’s attack if possible, but a lance that was thrust with an higher-speed was coming to assault me. I barely have any freedom to read it’s attack even while moving, just evading without attacking is already difficult. It seems it was using safe mode when moving with the armor and saving the energy.

“As expected, it seems that I have no choice but to destroy the lance itself, 【Enhance

Attack】 !”

I enhanced my basic ability by applying enhance type skill on myself. Though I'm also applying sorcery skill to the lance, it's really not that effective. Since I already had verified that it was effective on an object, it seems this lance has special resistance towards this peculiar type of magic.

Naturally my opponent won't just waiting silently, it resumed its attack. Its attack is quite merciless but, it is somewhat easy to parry and kill the force behind the attack with magic shield. Though a perfect defence is impossible, it is useful even if it is only for decreasing the speed of the attack.

Thus, while I'm avoiding my opponent attack many times over, I continuously apply the sorcery skill without giving up and, I could see slight response once or twice.

“It's effective huh”

As I though, the lance is incapable of completely nullifying the effect. It seems enhancement with sorcery skill started to show its effect.

Skill 【The Law of All】

It's a skill which enhances the effect of the sorcery (magic) and but at the risk of returning some curses to myself. Thanks to this, I think that the effect is no longer just zero. But, as the compensation, my ability..... does not fall.

The 【Status Drain】 is a combination skill of special sorcery and enchantment. It absorbs the magical status of the opponent on whom it is being applied. And as a result of it, I can greatly lower the ability of the opponent.

“Now!”

I got into an offensive here. Though my beaten sword had caught the tip of the lance, the blade of the sword did not get chipped and as a result, I can exchange blows with the lance. Now I can attack with this.

As I thought, the magic swordsman style is really useful. It does suit one who uses various skills, just like me. I'm attacking while also defending from my opponent's attack, but it's a stalemate as both sides are incapable of landing a decisive attack. It would have been easier if I also had a treasure. Though I have decided to end this battle with sorcery, it is actually very hard to accomplish.

But, maybe I can look for something like a vulnerability. When the spear was moving, I noticed a stone affixed on the tip of the handle that let out a red shine. That was definitely the energy source of the magic lance.

The lance fluttered mid air and then took some distance from myself. I adjusted my breath and aim for the timing to perform a counter attack. I decided to settle it with the next attack, so I was enhancing the sorcery even further using my skill.

RisaHaruna said from behind, "It's already effective! It won't have any meaning even if you stack even more skills!"

"No, it does have a meaning, Risa Haruna-san. My magical power has decreased"

Right, magical power is consumed when used, even if it had been ineffective. Wasting it is my aim. I had obtained the 【Field of Fire】 skill during these two months of parasitism. This is a skill which will raise power in proportion to the amount of decrease in magical power and stamina.

I was using my magical power to increase the skill's power and reducing the amount of magical power at the same time – in order to use skills that increased my ability. That was plenty enough. I'll beat it with this one attack. At the same time when I was focussing the remaining portion of my magical power, the lance thrust towards my heart. Matching the timing together with the lance, I flipped the attack vigorously.

Though there was no damage on the body of the lance itself, I was aiming at the moment when the lance flips as it tries to change its orbit; With the drop in its velocity, its defense is reduced. In this moment, I gathered my magical power in the form of a magic arrow and shot it toward the point that is shining red on the lance.

The arrow hit that without inhibition, and the magic stone was broken. The blood-like red light is dispersing the darkness of the night like a firefly. The lance immediately loses its shine and falls on to the ground.

The destruction of the treasure is complete.

"I'm astonished. There's someone who can destroy that." The voice from behind is Risa haruna-san. She was clapping her hands in an elegant manner as she approached me while looking at the lance.

"It's splendid. To be honest, I never thought that an adventurer who received a commission of this rank could somehow pull that off successfully."

“Honestly the fact is.. I do a fairly great job once a while.”

“It seems so. Usually something like a monster or human cannot win against a treasure. It’s praiseworthy. Or feared. Just what kind of a human are you?”

Risa Haruna-san is touching my neck and shoulder as if she wants to check something. Maybe to check the blood. Her serious eyes is, a little scary.

“Wait a minute, it’s ticklish!”

“Fufu, that place is normal. Well then..... the matter is settled but, how about me?”

With a complete change in attitude and hiding her smile, Risa Haruna came towards me with a posture indicating that she would challenge, if needed. I tilt my head, unable to understand the meaning of [How].

“I’ve said that I’m a vampire, right? Is it okay to leave me alone? “

“Ah....”

“.....You forgot about it. Though you may be a big-shot or just a reckless person, but I should say that you are a wonderful man.”

Risa Haruna was shaking her head while touching her forehead. Even though I was complimented, it can’t be helped since I need concentrate on the battle in front of me. But, basically what’s the big deal about that?

“Uhm..... well, is not it fine?”

“What?”

“Nothing special, if you are not doing anything bad, isn’t everything fine even if you’re a vampire? Though you might have been sucking blood while living in the ruin, that’s the matter of the past. Reality isn’t like the content of history book. Much time has passed by and it’s alright if you didn’t do it now.”

I made such a declaration. Risa Haruna was staring at my face with wide opened eyes. That expression of her as if surprised made her look slightly young.

“You’re an unusual fellow. It doesn’t scare you?”

“Not at all. I do not think like that. I trust in what I see. Besides, maybe I’m the same with you in some manner.”

“.....Fufu, you’re definitely an oddball like me.”

Risa Haruna is slowly approaching me. And then, she caressed the nape of my neck with her finger.

“As expected, there will always be something interesting when mixing with the humans. Though it has already been quite long, this is the first time that I am meeting someone like you. I’m glad that I came back.”

“Isn’t that really wonderful?”

She had met various people, but saying that I’m the only one who was special might be an overstatement. Besides, should I say that I’m worried when I’m deemed as “*special*”? It’s comfortable when thinking about being ordinary in a normal situation.

“It made me want to do a “sampling” after a long time, you know.”

“Iya~, isn’t that the exact opposite of it!?”

While denying to be sucked, when I asked Risa Haruna about what should be done with the broken magic lance, she said to hand it over as the culprit of the bloodsucking incident as she did not need it anymore. But, she said to take the jewel core as there was still some value to it. Though I see it because it’s on my hand, I can feel great amount of magical power which is the core of the lance.

“Say, could it be that this is a magic crystal?”

“Ah. Since it was used on a treasure, it is a wonderful one with high purity and high concentration. Though it has been broken into pieces, it won’t lose its nature. It’s not bad as a reward, right? This is the reward from me.”

I quick put it inside my space bag. Magic crystal, GET!!!

Although it couldn’t be found easily, with this, the specially-made magic tools finally have a brighter prospect for their completion. I had been able to test the powers gained with parasitism and I even gained the item that I had been looking for a long time. Thinking that it had been a nice evening, I returned to Snori along with Risaharuna.

CHAPTER 49

DISPEL(ANTI)

PART 1

After I found the truth behind the bloodsucking incident of Snori village, I fell asleep right after returning to the inn. It felt really good after the puzzle was solved.

I was sound asleep until next morning. While concealing the truth regarding Risa Haruna's true form, I, along with Risa Haruna, explained the truth of the matter to Ally and the person who's apparently the chief of the village.

Their reaction was superb, they were grateful and warmly welcomed that news.

The people, who seemingly were in important position, said their gratitude in turn and furthermore they gave rewards and meals. Since I feel that it is not a big deal, I declined the reward. But, by doing so, I just increased the admiration of the other party on myself and they started to give more than before.

Therefore, I couldn't refuse it. In the end, various types of vegetables, ham and bacon were obtained. I threw large quantities of those ingredients into my space bag.

After that, we decided to go back to Laurel. But, since Ally is doing a little tour around Snori before that, and because I am tired of the various things that happened last night, we decided to take a short rest.

It seems Ally's touring the city with Mimy.

And then, I took a midday siesta. Since I woke up before the time of departure, I decided to tour Snori too.

On the way of such a carefree stroll, I saw something unusual. In front of a big building, an unusual arms store in Snori, there was a knight wearing an armor and helmet that was unusual for a place like Snori. The knight wore an extra armor polished in silver that I had never seen before. The knight obviously was not an ordinary adventurer, if it's of the type that can't be seen in this area, it might be a class that can't be seen in

this area.

I nonchalantly approach that knight and touch him, in order to try to attach the parasite as usual. But in that moment, an electric shock ran through me as if repelling my hand.

Parasitism failed.

Though Risa Haruna's face crossed my mind at that moment, this was obviously a different case. There was no lost response like that time, there was a reaction above the hand; something like a powerful electric current was rejecting my parasite. This is the first time I had experienced something like this. What was it that just happened? I can't understand it.

Alright, if that's the case, then I decided to ask him who seemed to be well-informed in magic.

“Dispel(Anti), huh...”

“Anti?”

There is a saying “*strike while the iron is hot*”, so I immediately left towards the inn in which Phillippe, the magic tools craftsman was staying at.

When I told about my personal experience, Phillippe immediately said the above words.

“Do you know dispel?”

“Yeah. It's a skill to negating the effect of magic and curse, right?”

“Yeah. There is a tool which possesses this kind of effect. If the other party does not deliberately use 'Dispel' skill, then it should be due to this kind of equipment.”

PART 2

Parasite is treated like a curse?..... It receives such cruel treatment even in this world. I really want to raise the status of parasite.

But, practically this is quite embarrassing. Because it belongs to the case where I can't sell my best selling point.

“—I see. So I'll be okay if I'm using Dispel(Anti) right”

Phillipe nodded in agreement.

“If you have a magic tool with the capability to counter spell, then it is reasonable to think of the existence of a tool that can act as counter for counter-spell tool. If you have the latter, invalidating the former's effect is possible.”

“It's alright to have that. Does counter for counter spell have the higher priority?”

“Nope, there's rank even for that. Naturally the power of the stronger side will take priority. Naturally, the power of skill and magic also become relevant in this scenario.”

“I see, so it's like that. So, it's not that simple huh....If that's the case, I'm relieved then”

As I was thinking while placing my hand on my chin, after a while, I took out the magic crystal which had been the core of demon lance, Blood Licorice, from my space bag.

“You(lucky) bastard! That's! “

In that instant, Phillipe bent his body forward.

I displayed the shining crystal in front of Phillipe's eyes.

“Is it enough with this? The magic crystal that you wanted...”

“It's not a matter of enough or not enough anymore—-I have never seen one with such high purity.”

Phillipe's hand holding the crystal was trembling incessantly. I could feel his

admiration; as expected of a magic tools maniac.

“Then, with this I think you can start processing the Manticore’s material. Though I was thinking of what to make with it, but now I’ve decided. I want you to make a magic tool which possesses *Dispel(Anti)* effect. It’s the most useful one for me, which will help me to break my opponent’s counter spell”

So when I make use of my parasite ability, I can make use of the skill to reduce the ability of my opponent like in the previous battle. I am glad that I decided what to make at the right time.

Phillipe, who heard my words, nodded vigorously.

“Yeah, leave it to me. I’ve got the best material in my entire life as a craftsman. I’ll make the best item with it. Definitely! But Eiji, what the heck are you? How can you always bring material which I needed?”

“Umm..... Isn’t it just coincidence?”

“How can it be! Fu~, whatever. I have no choice but to find about it myself if you’re not going to say about it.... At any rate, if I’m sticking to you, I feel like that I can climb to a greater height as a craftsman. So, I’m counting on you, Eiji. Kukuku, Hahaha....!”

Phillipe started to laugh in a loud voice. But, I’ll be troubled if you follow me at your own convenience, you know?

PART 3

“I’ll start right away, Eiji! Look forward for it!”

Phillipe, who is extremely tensed, started to collect his luggage.

He is already leaving the inn and it seems he’s planning to go to his own workshop.

I was astounded by the fact that there was someone who moves more faster than me right after making up his/her mind.

Even so, if Phillippe starts to work ahead in advance, I will welcome it rather than be complaining about it. I left the inn while expecting its date of completion.

After walking for a while, I saw Ally, who had seemingly separated with Mimy, walking alone. At the same time, I saw the two silver knights from a while ago too.

There was another one? Did they belong to some sort of chivalric order? Should I approach them? When I was observing both of them while thinking of such things, Ally rushed over when she found me.

“Eiji-sama, it’s such a coincidence, right?”

“Yeah. There are unusual people.”

“They are gentlemen wearing that armor....! Perhaps these gentlemen are the people who are dispatched from the capital. I have seen a similar situation in the past.”

I see...no wonder, the luxury of their equipment is different from any ordinary adventurer. Anywhere, a person who has a connection to the country is strong.

“A chance encounter...my luck might be good for meeting this kind of person in this place.”

“Fufu, that must be the case....Compared to that, I am unlucky. I couldn’t be present when Eiji-sama had settled the bloodsucking incident yesterday. It was a chance to see Eiji-sama’s true power very close. Before, I couldn’t see the form that I wanted to see the most in the labyrinth too. I truly am unlucky. I wanted to see Eiji-sama’s gallant

appearance!"

Now that she said it, though we have been adventuring together until now, this time and in the case of the labyrinth, she was not around when I fought the big boss. Well, due to lack of coordination, I always end up going alone.

"I shouldn't let dangerous monster to come out again, right?"

"Please stop saying such dangerous things!"

Ally looked at me with a reproachful look. Well, what if I told you that I was the cause for it.... Oh? I saw the silver armored knights suddenly moving beyond while looking over Ally's shoulders. The duo who were standing still suddenly bowed their heads.

I thought that it was an office building of an influential and powerful person in the city, but a blond haired youth with curled hair was leaving from there. The youth walked out without even taking a notice about those two. Or so I thought, when he suddenly stood still and looked toward us. Eh, why?

PART 4

Taking along the silver armored knights as his companion, when he came in front of me, the youth smiled as he saw me, or rather Ally.

“It’s been a while, Ally Duo.”

“It’s been a while, Grael Treize-sama.”

When Ally noticed that man, she turned around and bowed politely. It seems that he was Ally’s acquaintance, and judging from his atmosphere, a noble?

“To have a chance of meeting you in this remote region never crossed in my mind. Why are you in this kind of place?”

As the man called Grael said that, he looked at the surrounding scenery as if despising it.

“In order to carry out the guild’s commission in this place—”

“Ah, so you’re still trying to become what they call an adventurer huh..”

Grael said those words with a voice loud enough to overwhelm Ally’s voice. Ally looked at Grael’s eyes in silence.

“I’m surprised, you know? For a beautiful and wise person like you, I still can’t fathom why are you doing these things along with people of low birth.”

CHAPTER 50

SELF-PROCLAIMED DISCIPLE AND DETESTABLE NOBLE

PART 1

“It seems that I must disagree at your words, Treize-sama. Despite being incomprehensible, adventurers are not of low birth. There are ones who dream to save people.”

“Seriously, you really are an unmanageable person.”

As expected, though Ally replied with a sullen expression, Grael didn’t care about it, shrugging his shoulders right away and reaching his hand to Ally’s face.

T-This guy, what the hell is he suddenly doing.

“If you act more woman-like without being infatuated by something boring like this, I would be delighted. How about it? A dinner to celebrate our reunion after a while. Of course, in the nearby city which is not as rural as this city.”

“Thank you for your offer, but I refuse, Treize-sama. Since I have to report the completion of commission along with Eiji-sama”

Ally escaped from that hand which dangled in the air after a while and just like that shifted to my side. Grael started looking suspiciously towards me.

“Eiji? If it’s a comission, then you’re an adventurer too?”

“Yes. That’s right. I came to this place along with Ally-san”

“Well, you should be thinking somewhere along the lines of looking good or currying favor to the nobles right? Or maybe, you’re thinking about something vulgar when you

see a female noble close by, aren't you? That's why you're saying things like *going along*. Truly, what a vulgar guy. I don't even want to speak even one word with someone like YOU. Ally isn't someone who can go along with someone like you."

"That's wrong!"

The one denying isn't me, it was Ally. Ally's eyebrows raised as she said those words clearly to Grael.

"Eiji-sama is a splendid person. Both as an adventurer and as a person. I was also saved by him. Though I really didn't want to talk like this, he understood me more than Treize-sama. He has more value as a human even than me"

Though Grael was taken aback, his hand touched his chin as if he felt displeasure watching the scene.

"Can I hear the reason why you say that? It's not like you don't know about the influence of our Treize-house right?"

"It has nothing to do with the influence of house. The thing that I can trust till the end is his heart and his own power. I have seen that so many times."

A dangerous atmosphere started to envelope them. I wish it won't become a dangerous situation for me. I do not want Ally's societal status getting worsened because she was covering for me and it also made me feel guilty.

.....Maybe I must step out too.

"Grael-san, though I feel bad for this, if one receives a commission from an adventurer guild, till you complete that, there's no need to know that the person is a noble as it has nothing to do with the commission. That's why though we feel bad, getting that as the priority is our job. Since you know that now, will you give up?"

"Give up? You dare? For a lowly adventurer to say something like that to me—"

It seems as the effect of saying such words, Grael's eyes are completely looking at me with his eyebrows frowning without hiding the anger in his eyes, as if those words were said on purpose.

--And, the silver armored knight beside him whispered something.

PART 2

“I know that it’s already time, who do you think I am!That fellow called Eiji over there, you better remember this! You will regret the fact that you said such a cheeky thing you know? Aren’t you going to practice licking my shoes?”

Grael was leaving along with his subordinate while leaving such a remark. His irritation is plain to see even in his way of walking, very easy to understand. I’m sure that he’s the type who won’t feel satisfied unless things absolutely go the way he wants to.

Even if it’s suited for the other party, doing things like currying for favour in vanity is inexcusable for me. The other party is planning his action and must be waiting. As for Ally, that person was a troublesome acquaintance. Naturally for me too. I don’t want a silver armored knight aiming at me.

Whether it seemed to be linked by fate one after another with troublesome person (parasitizing), I’m stifled with self-mocking smile.

“His name is Grael Treize and is my acquaintance. Though it was from the time I went to capital academy, somehow he’s complaining to me for not suiting to becoming an adventurer. Moreover, the way he used his hand was also impolite. I’m embarrassed.”

Ally placed her hand on her cheeks, showing a rare fed up expression.

“There’s a complicated feeling in you too right. It’s more like pleasant-unpleasant-like though.”

“That’s troubling me. Since he’s someone who will try to do anything to his own satisfaction, it would become quite tiresome when he set his eyes on you. Leaving that aside, my apologies for being involved with me. I made you to offend someone Eiji-sama.”

After Grael left, Ally bowed very deeply along the way we were heading toward the place of the boarding carriage. I waved my hand.

“It’s nothing, it’s completely not like that. It was bad luck for Ally too. Well, I’m saved

since it seems he had some kind of business to do, so I won't be involved with him more than this."

"Yeah. But just in case, please be careful, Eiji-sama. Though I believe that he is a sore loser, he might try to do something."

Is it about the last words of Grael? He seemed to have a high pride, so he might really try to do something. Certainly, I'll make sure to be careful. Ally was smiling when I nodded to her words.

"But then, if it's Eiji-sama, it should end being countered even if he tried to do something. Rather than being harmed, my worry is that you'll be suffering due to his scheme."

And then after a while, we got on the carriage to return to Laurel. The journey towards Laurel ended without any trouble, we reported the completion of the commission in the guild. We received a record in the guild card when we were reporting, which reminds me, I have heard somewhere that this guild card was also a treasure originally. If I recall, it was something along the lines of it being an imperfect replica of a treasure capable of reproducing only one of the treasure's functions. These things called treasures are of various types.

PART 3

After receiving the report, we also received the remuneration. Though the amount isn't that great, it gave us the feeling of "Mission complete". Once I return to the inn, I'm just going to spend my days slowly after all.

And, when I left the counter, I heard a voice from beside the counter.

"OOH! You're the one from sometime ago! Thank you very much!"

What?

When I looked the voice, the one that came to me was a robed man with a loud voice.

Ah, certainly this man was the one on whom I latched my parasite during the time when I was strengthening with double Parasite.

"Even if you said thank you, I did nothing at all....."

"That's not true! Aren't you the one who gave me support during the difficult commission and helped me to achieve it? Moreover, thanks to defeating a lot of monsters with your help at that time, we are now even able to defeat a lot more powerful monsters which provide more higher experience than previously. It's all thanks to Eiji-san!" (ED: Use of bold letters to indicate his loudness)

The man with the loud voice expressed his gratitude.

But, a heartfelt gratitude seems just fine though.

I did that for my own sake, rather, I felt grateful too.

"Nonono, it really is okay. I was saved too"

"Please don't be so humble. Please look, thanks too Eiji-san, now I can do even such commissions!"

The robed man pointed towards the top of the counter.

At that place, there was a body hair of an ogre and something like clay of the mud demon. Along with it, there were heaps of raw materials that could be obtained in the second layer of Paienne labyrinth.

“Oh, though the one in front is a good match and more worthy as an opponent, it’s wonderful”

“It’s thanks to Eiji-san, you know. I received experience and I even learned the way of battle. I realized that I could become as much stronger as I want by utilizing a combination of skills. Though I can’t use many skills like Eiji-san yet, I can compensate it with magic tools and devices. Right, the human mind must be capable of devising solutions based on the circumstances. Though I’m not that strong, my way of battle is promising. That’s Eiji-san’s strength, the one I admire the most in this place. Thanks to that, I have reached the point where I can do collection commission in the second layer of Paienne labyrinth alone nowadays.”

The man’s prideful face is overflowing with self-confidence.

The effect of Parasite and its Parasitism is greater than what I thought. I’m a bit surprised that it developed till this point. It was beyond my prediction.

“I’m glad to have received such words. Let’s do our best together even after this”

“Yes. I want to reach the point in which I can hunt Cocy Wolf like Eiji-san soon. I’ll level up even more to repay the favour to Eiji-san”

“No, there’s no need to go that far you know. Or rather, it’s okay as there’s no need for you to do that you know”

“That’s impossible! Because, I wish to express my gratitude! That’s why, I will definitely become strong. Because I’ll end up losing my face if I’m weak even after being taught by Eiji-san!”

I caught a glimpse of a fist from his robe, and I saw him clutching his fist.

This person is extremely motivated, I wonder if he’s training a bit too much.

No, don't mind him, don't mind him. It's a good thing for the city if he gathers a lot of raw material and becomes stronger, it's a win-win situation as the experience easily enters into me too, that's it.

PART 4

“Ahaha, you’re exaggerating. Well, please do your best, but don’t force yourself to do the impossible”

“Yes! Master! “

I became his master before I was even aware of it. Why did it turn into such a situation?

When I left the counter and came out of the guild while still being bewildered by the unexpected situation, Ally was clapping with her hands.

“Eiji-sama is really a wonderful person. You are already taking a disciple practically as soon as you registered as an adventurer. As expected of you.”

“No, that isn’t it! Rather, Ally not saying about this event as a joke is more expected!”

I returned to the inn while inserting a tsukkomi to Ally who was showing too much of her admiration.

CHAPTER 51

KITCHEN GARDEN DURING THE HOLIDAY

PART 1

After separating in front of the inn with Ally, I returned towards the usual inn after such long time.

“Welcome back, Eiji-san”

“I’m back, Marie-chan”

When I returned to my room, I exchanged a greeting with Marie who was sweeping the corridor with all her strength. I safely kept down my luggage.

Fuh, as expected, this inn is the best.

After sorting my luggage, I recalled the matter that happened when we were inside the coach.

Ally told the matter about Grael Treize in the coach.

He’s affiliated to what you can call as a secret government organization. The reason why he came to Snori might be related to that.

There exists a certain organization in the capital of Rain kingdom called the Secret Agency. It seems their purpose is for investigating and controlling things beyond human comprehension.

In short, they’re mainly investigating about things regarding dungeon, treasure, monster etc. The thing about them leaving so suddenly in Snori is maybe because they found the information regarding that demon lance, Blood Licorice. But for them, who

came to Snori around that time, it might be due to a different reason. It seems they couldn't just overlook the information that came to their ears.

It seems that the information piqued the curiosity of government official. It's better if it's not that unpleasant guy though.

Though it seems the secret government office is often involved with adventurers in many cases due to the nature of their job, according to Ally, it seems Grael is always looking down on them with such feeling.

Does he think that they're similar to his own dog or horse?

I don't want to have anything to do with him as much as possible.

In addition to that lance, there are several other types of treasures such as the Akasha pupil, the transfer crystal, the witch of black lily and so on. Those are kept safe with temple's co-operation, though it seems more like they have been enshrined or more like being analyzed for the sake of gaining knowledge.

The pupil of Akasha became the base foundation of the guild card after researching one part of it. It could record every event seen by it. Transfer crystal is something that even I had used in the Paienne labyrinth.

"Treasure huh. Just like it's name, it's powerful and really convenient."

I sit on the bed while thinking about a variety of such interesting things. Uhm, as I thought. The one here is a cheaper inn even more than the one I took in Snori but, as I thought, being in this place calms my mind. It feels just like I returned to [My own room]. I lay my body down on the bed and slowly stretched my body.

I have magic tools too, not on the level of a treasure though.

Well, in case of ordinary magic tools, I'll sell them to the magic tools store.

Yoshi, I'll take a few days of peaceful holidays [rest day]. I borrowed one volume of book. And that was the book which depicted magic items or what you call as magic tools or treasures. There's a saying that says *one should go to the specialist for the best results*. So, I borrowed this book while checking the situation on Phillip's side.

PART 2

I'm absorbed in reading the book inside my room. There's a rough description regarding the representative of magic item. It was very interesting. As a result, I had unintentionally completed it. I had loved these kinds of picture books since the beginning. The memory of reading illustrated books like the animal picture book has resurrected within my mind.

Ah, by the way, the progress of Phillip's work is splendid, looks like it'll be completed before long.

The best mainstream for learning is the art of scrolls.

Various types of skills, such as ice lance, magic arrow, etc. can be sealed within the scrolls and can be used by invoking them. It is divided into several types. The advantage of a scroll is that its power is determined by the one who makes it rather than the one who uses it.

Since even the most unskilled warrior can use this magic scroll, it's very convenient for the warrior classes. On the contrary, it's also very convenient for the mages to use this to invoke physical strength related skills.

But the disadvantage is that it results in a waste of money when overused or so I heard.

Apart from scrolls, there are also other types of magic tools.

They can also be used to bestow various special effects to an assortment of equipment like sword, shield, robe, or ring. It can be used in various media, there are ones that still have their normal effect even if it is used on random items, there are also those whose effectiveness will increase or decrease depending on the user.

The way to use them when compared to scrolls is difficult but, it'll be handy once mastered. Moreover, there are various types of magic items to use, of course, the ones that are useful in day-to-day life also exist. A lamp called magic lamp, a sphere called scarecrow to put on a barrier of vermin protection on the cultivated field are few such

examples. It seems there are many wonderful high-class items too.

I closed the book while thinking about the wide variety of items present. Though the priority might be low since I can use various skills, if I have such useful items it'll be helpful for sure. In other words, you can say that it's "*Convenience of the civilization*".

From now, it is time to think about how to effectively use them together with the skills that I possess.

Well then, that is that—.

I descend the stairs of the inn and continue towards the plot of land on the back of the inn. This place has been turned into a kitchen garden, the things that are taken out from from this place is served as the dinner in the inn occasionally.

I had also groomed this field several times during my day off to become accustomed to the inn. Recently, I was neglecting it.

I've gained a new skill of a new class after a while. Since that's the case, it is just the right time to test it out. I've gained it recently but, it's a skill of **【Farmer】** class which is mostly unused.

When I studied about the magic tools, I realized that I also wanted to try to know what my skills are capable of. Since this is a good chance, let's put it into use. If it can improve the quality of the soil, the quality of the inn's meals will also improve.

In that place, one small scale of the field is producing a bad harvest, recently it has not been used to plant anything. I might be able to improve this field with skill. Okay, let's try it then.

First I used the **【Examine(Earth)】** skill.

—I see, the humidity and the quality of the soil isn't bad but, there's no nourishment. That's the reason why the plants won't grow that much. But then, Marie had said that she had put in fertilizers in all plots of land similarly.

Could it be— because of microorganisms?

PART 3

In the story that I had heard long time ago, though phosphorous and nitrogen are seemingly important for the growth of the plant, the nutrients can't be used by the plant if there are no microorganisms to cause that chemical reaction.

Though I don't know the detailed scenario since I'm an amateur, it won't go as planned to make it into a good soil when the number of microorganisms from the start is little.

To verify that, I decided to plant plants as a little test on this field.

Since I've 【Mastery of Farming Tools】 , the way to use the farming tools will be ingrained in my body even if I have never done agricultural work, a flawless farm is complete and ready.

Well, because it was originally just a small corner of the of the kitchen garden, it's not a time consuming work at all.

Finally, I used the 【Nutrient Conversion】 skill.

This is most likely a skill that transforms the nutrient composition that exist in the soil to the nutrients suitable for the plants. If the plants grow well using this, my guess regarding the decrease of the microorganisms who are responsible for the nutrients will be confirmed.

“Oh..... It came”

The feeling of slight exhaustion after using the skill came to affect me. This kind of feeling came only when meddling with the soil, as it was a big skill demanding quite an amount of magical power.

While my stamina decreased bit by bit, I confirmed the correction effect of 【Conflagration Field】 skill which I used against the demon lance sometimes ago.

Due to the effect of 【Conflagration Field】 skill, it seems that when my stamina and magical power is decreased by 1/4 of its total amount, my ability will be raised by 30% due to the conversion correction.

If it decreases even further, it keeps increasing till it reaches 50% increase of the ability as it was the maximum possible. A splendid power correction indeed.

..... Well, the next attack performed with decrease in power by same amount is also the biggest demerit. As a consequence, it becomes something like Final Attack. Since it's a nice one for a finisher, it seems good to use when in need of power like the incident sometime ago[Blood sucking case].

“Well then, next is to examine how the soil turned out to be. Even if I say so, the effect won't be visible right away. I wonder what will be growing out in a while...”

I returned to the inn again after leaving a mark on the place where I sowed the seed, while I thought about the fact that it was strange that I enjoyed it and wished to play with dirt again sometime later.

CHAPTER 52

ACQUISITION OF TRAITS

PART 1

Well, the cultivation field should be enough with this much, and I should experiment a bit more with the Farmer system's skills.

I leave the village and head towards the nearby forest right away.

It is a nice weather to stroll around. I feel at peace.

I entered the forest while yawning and look for a suitable place to grow plants.

On the way, I picked up a fallen nut that looked like Walnut.

“Oh, this place is nice.”

After walking for a while, I saw a place where the vegetable that I was familiar with was growing en-masse.

The wild melon.

Though this vegetable, called Laurel Melon, has a lot of thick and short melons on its short and robust stalk, I dug a hole in order to not injure the root.

Next, I took out several items from my space bag that I deemed suitable for this occasion.

Lamp, shitotsuken*, magic crystal of flame, walnut and finally, an apple.

[TL : Shitotsuken[刺突剣] – Thorn Piercing Sword, it might be the name of the sword or the type of the sword that similiar to Machina bolt rapier from Type-0]

Though the Apple and the walnut were certainly not the same as the one from Earth, the feeling of foodstuffs was similar. By the way, the apple of this world gave a slightly “La-France”-ish feeling.

“I will— bury these guys!”

I am burying the root stump of the melon that will become a different thing, in the hole that I dug.

I carefully filled it with soil and then covered it with fallen leaves.

Of course it doesn’t mean that it’ll grow into something strange.

This is necessary for my 【Form and Nature Bestowal】 skill.

This is a composite skill between farmer and enchanter. I bury something under the root of plant and when I use the skill by placing my hand above it and activate— The nature of the buried item will be assimilated into the plant.

I feel that it is quite an amusing effect.

To be honest, even I can’t predict how much the nature’s traits will be bestowed. So, I try to test it in a place far from public gaze.

It might become an apple-flavored melon, or a hard melon like walnut, a burning melon*, or a piercing melon, or even a shining melon**. It’ll be fun if it really turned out that way.

The practical use is....., uhm, I wonder if there’ll be a few apple-flavored melon.

Well, realistically speaking, there’s no way it’ll grant the traits of the lamp or sword to the melon. I really wonder...

This place too, since the stump will seemingly taking sometime to absorb the nature of the buried item, I’ll let it out for a while along with the kitchen garden. The result will be amusing.

A short while later.

I should say several days but, time passed by.

I spent those days lazily lying around within the 2 metre vicinity of my bed.

PART 2

I leave my room to synthesize vitamin D after having been in my room for several days. The first place that I'm heading for is the kitchen garden.

When I'm looking at the field in which I gave nutrition, on that place was a plant that had already sprouted. Its height was already reaching my knee.

While I'm surprised at the growth speed that was beyond my prediction, I did a guts pose to the success of my experiment.

The nutrition of the soil was the cause after all. Though the fertilizers were already provided to the soil, it still was not sufficient. The absence of microbes in the soil made it unable to continuously supply nutrition to the plants.

Even if I use a skill in this place, the effect won't be for long.

The microbes perform their job only when I use my skill. Though I could use it periodically, it is just too troublesome and basically not a solution.

“As I thought, it won't work without the microbes.”

I travelled to the forest.

The plant on that place was growing splendidly, the cycle should be completed with the animal decomposers and scavengers. If I bring back that soil, it might contain a lot of microbes. Of course, along with securing some fallen leaves and things similar to that.

If I include this in the field, the soil might be restored.

The problem of this side has been RESOLVED.

Next, I walked towards the other place in the forest. To see what happen to the modified melon.

When I went to that place a few days ago, the melon didn't show any signs of transformation.

I wrote each item that I had buried in the soil on boards with a marker.

I'll investigate what became of those melon according to those landma~..... I haven't even finished those lines-

“.....THE MELON IS SHINING”

It's shining.

The melon which was buried with a lamp and applied with the form and nature bestowal skill, let out a dim light.

It looked just like a pumpkin with lamp inside.

Iyaa, though I suspected that it would fail, it is a nice tool indeed. I mean, I really understand the possibilities for this to happen...

It is not just with the lamp, there's even countless sharp thorns growing on the stalk of the melon with which I buried the shitotsuken. It's look like, this skill will grant any kind of nature to the plant from the tools.

It is a skill with unlimited possibilities.

But, I do not know how to utilize it effectively in practice. If I make a shining melon by using a lamp and consume it, it would feel like eating a lamp. It would be the more likely feeling to be experienced.

“Uhm, it has amazing flavor.”

When I eat the melon which is bestowed with Apple, it had an apple-like flavor with the texture of the melon.

This is a new flavor and, it's not that delicious. But it might have opened a new field of food that would depend on the combination being employed.

The one that was bestowed with walnut had become a fruit covered with hard shell and exuded a walnut-like aroma. As expected, matching food with food is a good thing.

As for the other melon that was bestowed with a magic crystal of fire, its external

appearance didn't change. But I got the feeling that it'll burn quite well if it was ignited.

The practicality aside, I harvested the melons since the results were quite interesting. On returning to the inn, I recorded which melon was bestowed with what nature on paper.

PART 3

“Ah, please look, Eiji-san. It’s growing so much.”

I returned to the inn and while adding the soil [rich with microbes], I saw Marie in the kitchen garden.

Marie, who bent over the field that couldn’t produce crops until now, noticed me and raised just her face..

“Though this field couldn’t be used so far, why now of all time?”

While asking that question, a cheerful and delighted expression appeared on her face rather than curiosity.

This kid who helped on this place was the best.

Especially, her delighted expression due to the revival of the field.

I explained the situation to Marie and taken out the soil that I brought.

Marie was staring in amazement at the soil while I told her.

“Marie-chan, if you mix this soil in that field, it might restore the field in a while. If it becomes difficult for plants to grow again, you can use the soil that I bring from the forest. Of course, you must be careful when you do that”

“I was never aware of the fact that you can use it in that manner. Were you working in an agricultural job before you came to this place, Eiji-san?”

“No, it’s not like that, uhm, it was just that I happened to hear a little about this from some farmers”

“You’re a cultured person aren’t you, Eiji-san.Okay, let’s do this! ”

And then, with just the two of us, we started the work of mixing the soil.

We were doing it silently while chatting intermittently in the middle of our work.

During our chat, Marie took a long time to explain about what she would use this field for. She was really enjoying this after all. If she enjoyed it this much, I can expect about what she will do in the future.

When doing this kind of work, the time does pass surprisingly fast. When I noticed the time after the work had ended, it was already late.

Marie wiped her sweat with her arms to avoid the dirt from smearing on her face and then bowed while smiling humbly.

“Thank you very much, Eiji-san”

“You’re welcome, Marie-chan. I’ll also look at their condition occasionally.”

“Yes. Let’s do our best, and RAISE THEM!”

I’m all fired up since it was the start of another enjoyable work.

